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FISTS FLY IN EIGHT-GOAL BATTLE

Fawknor 4
Polonia 4

Scorers: Fattore 22nd, Polinkas 28th, Boyle penalty 69th, Cozzella 71st (Fawknor); Przybyla 17th, 55th, Mitten 31st, 57th (PA). Venue: Smith Reserve.

Polonia midfielder Dave Gibson was assaulted by the father of a Fawknor player seconds after Gibson had been ordered off in a sensational eight-goal battle in the Victorian State League.

The irate father jumped the fence and punched Gibson from behind. A scuffle broke out as Polonia players rushed to Gibson's aid.

A Polonia player assaulted the father, who had to be rushed to hospital with a serious head injury after the melee.

Fawknor reacted quickly to the brawl. The father has been banned from Smith Reserve, Fawknor's home ground.

It was a nasty incident and one which looks likely to prompt a VSF investigation.

"I'll be looking at the referee's report closely to see whether any action should be taken against the home team with regard to crowd control," said VSF secretary George Wallace.

The Gibson incident was the culmination of a poor refereeing performance. Gibson was sent off for a relatively trivial offence while all over the park players were getting

By MICK MITTEN

away with over-the-ball tackles and punching opponents behind the play.

One first-half incident best illustrates my point.

Polonia striker Noel Mitten, lying on the ground, was kicked in the head by a Fawknor defender. With blood streaming down his face, Mitten complained bitterly to the referee and promptly was booked!

Mitten needed stitches in the wound after the match.

It was that kind of game, as Fawknor tried to dish it out and unsettle Polonia.

Both teams have weaknesses in defence however, so it was no real

surprise that so many goals were scored.

Polonia struck after 17 minutes. A throw-in from the left was headed by Greg Czapnik to Mitten whose cross to the far side of the Fawknor area was headed back by Dave Gibson and Janusz Przybyla finished superbly, with a right foot shot into the bottom near corner of goal.

Fawknor didn't take long to level. In the 22nd minute, young Michael Giacconi headed on at the near post and big Cesare Fattore, unmarked, nodded in at the far post.

A Michael Lukac mistake seven minutes later gave Fawknor a 2-1 lead. The Polonia keeper misjudged a goal kick, sending the ball to Joe Palinkas on the edge of the area. The former J.U.S.T. and Brisbane

City player quickly controlled the ball and struck it into the top right hand corner.

Polonia wouldn't be denied and levelled in the 31st minute. Przybyla played a diagonal ball inside the Fawknor right back to Greg Czapnik whose shot was partially blocked by Rob Terzini and Mitten, following up, made it 2-2.

Polonia took the lead for the second time in the match in the 55th minute. A free kick was played to Przybyla on the edge of the Fawknor area. He turned sharply, netted a defender and cracked home a low shot for a fine goal.

Two minutes later, Polonia had earned a two-goal cushion. A Gibson lob from the right sent Mitten through and he neatly lofted the ball over the stranded Terzini.

A controversial decision in the 69th minute enabled Fawknor to fight back to 4-3. Kevin Innes was penalised for a foul on Ian Tuffield. The linesman ran across the park to advise the referee who waved his fellow official away and awarded a penalty. Peter Boyle converted.

A Gary Hobson cross in the 71st minute was headed down by Tuffield and Bruno Cozzella's shot made it 4-4.

In the 94th minute, Polonia should have got the winner. A long throw-in was headed on by Mitten to Les Gregorczyk, Polonia's recent Polish import who had replaced Greg Czapnik in the 72nd minute. Gregorczyk turned, then rolled the ball across goal to Przybyla, whose first time shot from five metres was deflected off the line by a defender.

Two bosses hit out at Arok plan

Juventus at new ground

Juventus has moved from Olympic Park to Gillon Oval, home of VFA club Brunswick.

Juventus quit Olympic Park because it considered the rent too high.

Its first match at Gillon Oval will be against Footscray J.U.S.T. on Sunday.

Juventus, now leader of the National Conference of the National Soccer League, had a previous stint at Gillon Oval.

Old foes partners

Eddie Thomson twice has come within a whisker of being appointed national team coach, so his appointment by the ASF last week as one of three assistants to national coach Frank Arok came as no surprise.

Thomson was one of the candidates for the national team job back in 1981 when Rudi Gutendorf got the bullet. Les Scheinflug, of course, was appointed and it was Scheinflug who recommended to the ASF that it appoint Thomson as caretaker coach last year while Scheinflug was with the youth team in Mexico at the World Youth Cup finals.

Instead, it was Arok who looked after the Socceroos during the triangular series against England.

Arok and Thomson are old adversaries — in the coaching arena, that is Thomson, with three successive NSL championships to his credit with the mighty Sydney City Hawks (1980, 81, 82), won the NSL's Coach of the Year award in 1981. Arok won that prestigious award in 1982 and 1983.

George, the team Arok guided to the NSL title last year, and Hakoah, have been warring on playing fields throughout Australia for the past two seasons.

Thomson played with Scottish club Aberdeen before joining Hakoah as a player in 1977, the inaugural NSL year. He took over the Hakoah coaching reins from Gerry Chaldi for the start of the 1980 season.

CRAIG MACKENZIE

By PETER DESIRA

Len McKendry and Peter Ollerton both disagree with Frank Arok's policy of asking coaches to recommend players for the new national squad.

But both McKendry and Ollerton are likely to supply names and go along with the majority of Melbourne's NSL coaches who have agreed to support Arok to the hilt in his difficult task of getting Australia to the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico.

Neither McKendry nor Ollerton attended a meeting called by Arok in Melbourne last week in which he asked for co-operation from all NSL coaches and handed out forms to be filled in with statistics and with reasons why players being recommended should be included in the national squad.

McKendry wasn't informed of the meeting by his club, South Melbourne Hellas, because club secretary Anne McPhee was away ill and the letter inviting the coach to attend Arok's meeting wasn't passed on to him.

Ollerton was handed the invitation the night before the meeting and was unable to attend because of work commitments.

McKendry already has slammed the decision to have two national teams because he says there aren't 40 players good enough to represent Australia.

Now he says that asking for other coaches' help is the wrong thing for a State or national coach to do.

"Every coach thinks differently, which I believe is good for the game," McKendry said.

"But getting all the coaches to put forward suggestions can only take us backwards. We're going to go back to the Rudi Gutendorf days of everybody getting an Australian jumper."

"When I was Victorian State coach I never consulted any coaches — I made my own selections and stuck by them. You have to stand by your own beliefs."

Asked whether he would have accepted the assistant coach's job if it had been offered to him, McKendry said:

"I've got a big enough job at Hellas as it is. But in any case there is no point in talking about something that never happened."

McKendry said.

On the Hellas players who ought to be in the national team McKendry has said all along that Oscar Crino and Steve Blair are musts for the Socceroos.

Ollerton took a different slant.

"If I were to, say, put forward the names of Robbie Dunn, Ian Dobson and Gary Cole, the rest of my team might think I'm playing favorites."

"I really don't think it's the right way to go about picking a national team," Ollerton said.

Makedonia was represented by president John Branov at the meeting with Arok but Ollerton has yet to find out on what basis he is to make recommendations.

"If it's youth he is looking for, you'd have to include Con Opasini. But age shouldn't really come into it and the likes of Gary

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National coach Frank Arok (centre) meets colleagues in Melbourne. From left: John Margaritis (Juventus), who now is Arok's Melbourne-based assistant; Terry Hennessy (Croatia), Arok, Bobby McLachlan (J.U.S.T.), Jimmy Rooney (Green Gully).

Latest honor for John Margaritis

John Margaritis's elevation to international ranks as one of Frank Arok's assistants is one of many honors which distinguish the career of "The Old Fox."

Margaritis, 45, took over Juventus early last year and transformed it into a side which went close to winning the championship. Now, Margaritis's men are on top of the National Conference ladder in their first year in the NSL.

And to get them there, Margaritis had to surmount all kinds of problems.

He recruited well pre-season, but his good work was negated by injuries to key players Vince Bannon, Fabio Incantupo and Paul Drinoczky.

He also found himself with too many strikers, at the expense of defenders and midfielders.

But Margaritis shrewdly reshuffled his team, with the result that it has emerged as a leading contender for the NSL

championship in its first year out of State League ranks.

Margaritis has a history of leading top teams and, before that playing top soccer.

He was with PAOK Salonika in Greece for 10 years — five in the senior team — and also represented Greece against Denmark and Algeria and against Italy as a substitute.

Always a midfielder, he played in the company of such Greek champions as Loukandis, Stefanakis, Nestoridis and Leandros.

After joining Hellas in 1961, he played in four championship-winning teams and scored 15-16 goals in almost every one of his six years with the club.

He also represented Victoria regularly from 1961 to 1964, under the then coach Manny Poulakakis, who at one stage

was to succeed Margaritis as coach of Hellas.

He returned to Greece in 1965 and played for half a season for his old club PAOK and on his return, he was player-coach of Heidelberg-Alexandria until he was injured and finally retired.

After that it was off to Europe once more to gain his preliminary coaching certificate in England in 1969 in a prelude to the full FA badge which he gained in 1972.

His first serious full-time coaching job was with Hellas in the Victorian State League in 1974. In his first year, the club won the title and the Dockerty Cup and in the next year it won the Cup again but came second in the championship.

In 1976 he led West Adelaide Hellas to the South Australian championship and the Coca-Cola Cup before returning to Melbourne to lead Alexander to third place in the first season of the PSL.

It was back to West Adelaide in 1978 but he left again before the club went on to win the PSL title, and in 1979 he again coached Heidelberg.

A heated argument with a Heidelberg committee member caused him to leave Heidelberg and rejoin Hellas later the same year. The team finished last in 1979 but Margaritis lifted it to third place the following year, a feat for which he was named Australian Coach of the Year. In 1980 it went one step better, finishing second.

Margaritis quit Hellas when he was asked to work with Tommy Docherty — brought in by the club as the "savior" — and the man who would conjure up huge crowds.

Margaritis spent some more time overseas, before returning and being appointed by Juventus.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

It's youth power for NSW

By ANDREW DETTRE

The ASF seem to be on the right track. Its 1978 decision to use the bi-annual World Youth Cup as a breeding ground is producing results.

Of the 18 players in the NSW squad announced by coach Frank Arok, seven have come through those ranks (Skeen, Jennings, Patikas, Raskopoulos, McCulloch, Dakas, Slater).

Equally pleasingly — and without any pro-determined scheme — 14 of the 18 players in the squad were either born or raised here.

The only exceptions are Robertson, Ratcliffe, Watson and O'Connor.

Bit by painful bit we are approaching the time when a Socceroo team can be completely "made in Australia" — without sacrificing quality or by patronising to local talent.

Arok didn't have an easy task. He has had to select several of his own self-imposed selection principles.

Two of his main criteria were:

• No player to be selected unless he has had at least two years of NSL experience;

• No player to be considered whose team last year lost an NSL match in Brisbane.

Luckily, there weren't too many such losses...

"I don't want any player to look around at the ground and say to himself, 'It's here where we lost last year,'" says Arok.

NSW will play Queensland in Brisbane on April 29 and Arok is determined to travel to Brisbane.

"NSW will probably form the nucleus of the Australian squad and we cannot afford to start off with a loss," he says. "The actual result of the Brisbane match is not so important; what matters is that the players begin to pick up the habit of winning."

Arok has selected two goalkeepers, Terry Greedy (St. George) and Peter Wilson (Olympic). Greedy was an obvious choice — but Wilson will make some eyebrows twitch.

"I know he's in and out at Olympic, alternating with Gary Meier, but I see a lot of talent in the boy," Arok says. "Bruce James (Marconi) has been to England and error-prone; his confidence must have gone down after all those losses. Maybe he'll come back into the reckoning."

Two five defenders are David Skeen, David Ratcliffe (both St. George), Paul

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Swift rise for Attila Abonyi

The year 1984 will go down as a redletter one for former Socceroo star Attila Abonyi.

His appointment has come through as national coach Frank Arok's right hand man, and he is also at the helm as coach of Sydney Croatia, potentially one of Australia's most powerful clubs.

Australia will have major overseas opposition from Manchester United or Nottingham Forest, Glasgow Rangers, Fiorentina of Italy and Iraklis of Greece in May and June.

Strangely enough, Abonyi has had precious little coaching experience in the National Soccer League, home of Australia's blue ribbon clubs.

Apart from four matches to date with Sydney Croatia, Abonyi's only NSL practice was in guiding Canberra Arsenal for 18

games last season. They finished tenth in the then 16 team competition.

But Abonyi, whose 11-year Socceroo career ended in Teheran in 1977 when Australia lost 0-1 to Iran in the World Cup, is a patient man.

He was prepared to work up through the ranks in his chosen career.

In 1978 and 1979 Croatia was NSW State League champion under his care, and for good measure he won with Melita Eagles in 1980.

Joining now defunct Riverwood, he hoisted the club from eighth in 1981 to equal top with Croatia the following year, only to lose the championship on goal difference.

This is his fourth year as a fulltime professional coach, which was one of a number of attributes that commended him to Arok.

"Atti has put his full capacity at the service of soccer," Arok said. "He is a man who produces and was ready to serve out his apprenticeship down the line."

Abonyi himself confessed that his appointment as assistant national team coach came so quickly that he has not even cleared the new job with Sydney Croatia Soccer club.

"I don't expect any trouble mind you, but I will have to speak to them straight away," he said.

The other National squad appointments were Eddie Thomson of Sydney City Hakoah and John Margaritis of Juventus. They will control the "B" team.

Of them Arok said "Thomson's record as a coach is the best in Australia. No one can knock it."

Margaritis is a quiet man with a long and successful record with many of Victoria's top clubs and with experience in Greece as well.

"He is a willing and co-operative person who will provide real stability to the staff."

KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



SCHEINFLUG V. BLANCO

Melita and Marconi clash at Melita Stadium on Sunday at 3 pm and this Sydney derby is featured on channel 0/28's Match of the Day.

The clash brings together the now desposed national team coach Les Scheinflug, of Marconi, and his national team assistant Raul Blanco of Melita.

But for 90 hectic minutes at Melita Stadium, all friendships will be forgotten as Melita, riding on the crest of a wave whipped up by its stunning 1-0 win over the mighty St George last weekend, tries to climb higher up the Australian Conference ladder at Marconi's expense.

Marconi's 2-1 win over Newcastle on Sunday was its first success of this league season so Scheinflug will be confident that having at last tasted victory, his men now will live up to pre-season predictions that



they would form a formidable combination.

Certainly, in Tony Henderson, Mark Jankovics, Tom McCulloch, Rod Brown and David Lowe, Marconi has the players to fully test NSL fledgling Melita.

The midfield battle will be intriguing. The playmakers in this area — McCulloch of Marconi and Ray Farrugia of Melita — are first class performers, so there should be plenty of excellent close control and passing skills on view.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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Lambropoulos and Kalanthzis for young 'Roos!

With the time rapidly approaching when our youth team will be chosen to start preparing for the 1985 World Youth Cup in Chile, a couple of young stars spring readily to mind — Chris Kalanthzis and Alex Lambropoulos.

Of course, they're both with me at Olympic, so I've had a really good chance to watch them closely and let me tell you, if the breaks go their way, these kids are going to be some players!

Chris, at just 17 years old, is destined for a great career in soccer. He's fast, tricky and cheeky, with bags of confidence far in excess of what is common in such a young player.

One of Australia's leading coaches was talking to me recently about these kids and he described Chris as "a youngster belonging to a rare breed." That's some praise. He raved about Chris's ability.

As for Alex, well, he's burst onto the senior scene this year and played an absolutely magnificent game for us against St. George in the opening NSL round. He's tall, strong, very cool under pressure. He plays either sweeper or stopper and he too, is very confident. Like Chris, Alex is only 17 but a very mature young man indeed.

Others who come to mind for a youth team berth are Peter Petkovski and Pedro Ricoy at St. George, Andrew Zinnl at Brunswick Juventus and a lad who's going to make his mark this year if given half a chance — John Kanesoulis from South Melbourne Hellas.

Petkovski is really strong for a teenager plus he's got a lot of NSL experience behind

him now. That's going to be a big help when the squad is chosen.

Ricoy has burst onto the scene just recently but I'm very impressed with his work rate and his discipline.

Actually, I'm looking forward to seeing these youngsters wearing the green and gold. We look like having a strong youth team again.

No Panic at Marconi

Okay, so Marconi lost its first three league games this year but there's no panic button being pressed down Fairfield way. That's encouraging for the coach, Les Scheinflug, and the players. As well as the supporters, if they can just be a little bit patient.

From what I've seen and heard, the team has improved with each NSL outing, in fact, it was very unlucky to be beaten by St. George the other week.

David Lowe, John Spanos and Paul Carter certainly have strengthened the squad and with Internationals in Tony Henderson, Mark Jankovics and Bruce James calling the shots, I've got no doubts that we'll soon see Marconi hit the winning trail in a big way.

Also, CSR Gyprock is sponsoring the club and there's a tremendous incentive scheme for the players. It all adds up to Marconi soon getting good results.

Scheinflug, I know, is confident that he can carry Mar-

coni to the heights he took the club to back in 1979 when he won the National League Championship.

Spectator stumped

This is how a spectator summed up a recent NSL game in Brisbane:

"For the most part, the ball was up in the air. How on earth can you control a game when you keep thumping the ball 20 metres high? The standard of ball control was dreadful, there was no passing skill and what does this trick of deliberately kicking the ball over a 12 metre high fence and into a bloody creek achieve?"

Sounds like the spectator wasn't exactly rapt in the match, doesn't it?

I wonder if he'll go and watch an NSL game again.

Now come on, you boys up in sunny Queensland, you can play a lot better than that.

But what's this kicking the ball into the creek stuff? A new match plan?

Anyway, not to worry. We often lose track of the fact that all over the world you can watch good and bad games.

In fact, another fan told me that he recently watched Notts Forest playing Arsenal on the tele and he reckoned that it was a rotten game. This same bloke saw us playing St. George a few weeks ago and thought that our game was of a very high standard. Maybe that says something for Australian soccer. We're not really much different to the rest of the world.

TV games for 0/28's Match of the Day this Sunday, 7.30 pm

STARS GALORE

Old rivals Preston Makedonia and Melbourne Croatia should draw the largest crowd of this weekend's round of National Conference matches when they clash at Connor Reserve on Sunday at 3 pm in one of two games featured on 0/28's Match of the Day.

And what a thriller this should be.

Just take a look at the line-up of attacking players on display — Gary Cole, Claude Lucchesi, Graham Heys, George Campbell (all Preston Makedonia) and Tommy Cumming, Dave Brogan, Josip Biskic, Steve Gojevic, Jim Campbell (Melbourne Croatia).

There should be no let-up to goalmouth action with players of such a high calibre. The key to this exciting derby then,

could lie in the respective defensive make-ups.

There's no doubt that Makedonia will be up there vying for the tag of league champ at the business end of the season.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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2. How many votes did Wollongong's Larry

Gaffney poll in the 1983 NSL Player of the Year award?

3. Peter Sharna made one appearance for the Socceroos in 1978. Against which country?

4. How many votes did Stuart Salvage of Blacktown poll in the 1983 NSW Rothmans Medal count?

5. Name the winner of the 1976 South Australian Federation Cup.

Last week's winner was K.J. ELLIS, GPO Box 2127T, Melbourne, 3001. The answers were: 1. Charlie Yankos and Scott Patterson, 2. Weston Workor Bears, 3. Bill Vojtek, 4. Paul Walsh and Trevor Francis 5.61 appearances.

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Bringing the world back home

National Groccer League in '85

The NSL may introduce further refinements to the present two-Conference system next year.

A vague plan calls for an increase in the number of teams from 24 to 48 or 96 but no more than 400.

These, the planners believe, would produce more local derbies.

Teams will be grouped in four or eight Conferences; rounds will be called 'primaries', goals replaced by touchdowns, balls by pucks and the whole thing renamed 'groccer', a combination of gridiron and soccer.

There will be, in addition to Inter and Intra-Conference matches, Sub-Conference, Sur-Conference, Con-Conference and Pan-Conference games culminating in Inter-Continental and an Inter-Planetary play-off series.

Take an example. Newcastle may be in the Hibiscus Conference. One week it will play Olympic — but the result will count in the Adelaide based Waratah Conference.

Next week it will play Footscray J.U.S.T. as part of the Sheffield Shield series; all runs will be worth 0.27 goals per innings.

The third week it will play at home, taking part in a pie

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



eating contest; 24 pies are worth a goal, 36 pies an extra point, 48 pies a stomach pump, and so on, all counted in the Wattle Conference in Hobart.

Actually, it will be a fairly

straight-forward matter to sort out the final placings — even a computer can do it within two or three weeks.

To establish how a team finished the season, all you have to do is:

- Count the points won, then forget them.
- Add the goals, divided by the last two digits in the weekly Lotto.
- Multiply it with the price of gold on the London Commodities Exchange.
- Deduct from it the number first thought of.

Clubs will be allowed to nominate in which Conference their points should be registered.

At the moment the system is far too simple. For instance, the result of the Newcastle vs. Preston match is shown in only two tables: Newcastle's in the Australian and Preston's in the National Conference. We can do better than that.

To add international flavor to the system, clubs can use the points of 'surrogate' teams from overseas.

For example, Olympic can nominate Panathinaikos, Croatia can pick Zagreb Dynamo, Adelaide City can opt AC Milan, etc. as their proxies.

Each Monday morning, as the European results filter through — and provided the Herald prints them — the results of these proxy teams will be added to the local total.

The final standings will be announced on November 1, possibly December 19, but not later than the following March, or April, June?

There will be no protest against the final decision unless it's delivered in writing or verbally; sign language is out.

In all disputes the United Nations is the final arbiter; from there the matter may proceed to the Privy Council; if all else fails, the marketing giants East Jolly of London will have the final say.

Critics of the proposed plan will be isolated, cold shouldered, abused, shot, hanged and elected into the management committee in that sequence.



Les Shorrock

TAA out, Ansett for NSL

TAA no longer is the friendly way as far as the National League is concerned.

After carrying National League teams for the past seasons, TAA has severed its connection and Ansett is the NSL's official carrier. However, TAA still is the ASF's official carrier.

It has been an open secret for a long time that the NSL was having difficulty in paying its TAA account, and by the end of last season reportedly was in debt to the airline to the tune of over \$250,000.

The NSL was TAA's third largest account, and the staggeringly high cost of interstate travel was a major factor in persuading the League that a re-structuring to cut down travel was essential. Hence the two-Conference system at present.

Thanks to an influx of sponsorship money from

West-Nally the League was able to completely clear its debt to TAA and to quote National Conference spokesman, Mr Tony Kova, "did not owe a cent" at the start of this season.

TAA and NSL executives met and thrashed out a deal for this season and there seemed to be no hitch, but at the eleventh hour, TAA's finance department put up some extra conditions which the NSL objected to.

That was on Thursday, March 15, and although NSL chairman Sam Pappas was appealed to TAA's chief executive, Mr Frank Ball, TAA wouldn't budge, so the League turned to Ansett which already had expressed an interest, and by Sunday the NSL teams flew Ansett.

This is the second rebuff TAA has received from soccer in the past year.

Much to the disgust of the Australian Soccer Press Association, the Management of the NSL

rejected TAA's sponsorship of the National League Player of the Year award, only a month before the presentation night, and instead, accepted the Wedgwood trophy,

although Wedgwood had left ASPA high and dry at the start of the season when it said it no longer was interested in providing the traditional salad bowl.

Leszczynski joins Uni

Tasmanian Cadbury State League club University has obtained promising young striker Andrew Leszczynski on loan from White Eagles for the 1984 season.

Leszczynski, who was selected in the Australian under-18 school boys' team last season, was all set to sign for Brisbane Lions earlier this year but he returned to Tasmania when he was unable to gain admission to university in Brisbane.

Several top clubs such as Juventus-Pioneer, Olympia-WPL and Rapid were favoured to sign him so University's success in obtaining his services must be regarded as

something of a coup for the amateur side.

Leszczynski joins his two brothers, Mark and Richard, at the University club. They left White Eagles after the team was relegated to the Rothmans League at the end of last season. Another brother, Chris, remains with White Eagles.

University now has quite a formidable outfit and if coach Ron Coutts can stop his defence from conceding silly and needless goals then the

team should be a force to be reckoned with.

With strikers and midfielders such as Crowther, Rybak, Fraraccio, Shearman and the Leszczynski brothers, the team will be the envy of many a coach in southern Tasmania.

— WALTER PLESS

The end for Phil?

Phil Redmond may never play again.

That could be the sad outcome of a serious injury sustained when the 22-year-old fell while playing for Brisbane Lions against Sydney Olympic three weeks ago.

Redmond, signed this season by Lions on loan from Canberra Arrows, had been an outstanding success, and had been included by state coach Bruce Stowell in the Queensland squad preparing for the April 23 clash with NSW at Perry Park.

Exploratory knee surgery showed that Redmond's injuries were severe. He just has undergone laser treatment to a cartilage but in a fortnight will be operated on again for a serious cruciate ligament complaint.



Phil Redmond

He'll certainly miss the remainder of the season and despite the gloom cast over his playing future he remains determined to come back. But the injuries to his knee may prove too severe.

Redmond, a Commonwealth public servant, is awaiting a job transfer to Brisbane. His wife has left Canberra and has joined him and even though his playing outlook is decidedly gloomy, he's determined to stay in Queensland.

— RICKY ROSSO

\$40,000 in Canberra coffers

By PETER WINDSOR

Canberra Arrows now have raked in more than \$37,000 in transfer fees — and could hit the \$40,000 mark by the end of the week.

And this, despite the purchase of almost an entirely new team in the off-season, has resulted in transfer fees outstripping the cost of new acquisitions.

And the credit balance figure takes no account of further savings on a reputed \$20,000 in signing-on fees following the severing of connections with several players.

In giving estimates of transfer fee income, club sources listed the \$11,000 received from AEK Athens for the loan of George Christopoulos; \$12,000 from Blacktown for Gary Byrne, \$8500 for Don McLaren, \$2000 from Brisbane Lions for the loan of Phil Redmond and \$8000 in three instalments from Tony Brennan to buy out his own contract.

Another \$2000 to \$3000 could be in the coffers shortly from NSW State League club Inter-Monaro which wants to buy talented defender Angelo Ambrosino from Canberra.

Against this, list the shrewd purchases by Canberra coach Doug Collins — and the club board in Farina's case — and we find that Tom Sermanni was bought for \$10,000, midfielder Andrew Brockbank for \$2000, striker Hilton Phillips for \$4000, Farina for \$3000, Ray Juna for \$1500 and Alan Reid for \$1500.

Not had business.

REF RETURNS

By RICKY ROSSO

Controversial Queensland referee Col Amos, who quit the game 18 months ago after wild scenes at Spencer Park, has made a comeback.

But it is unlikely Amos will control National League matches this season. His involvement will be limited to one local game a weekend.

Ironically, Amos's first match back involved Brisbane City, the club which was in the centre of the furore that prompted Amos's retirement.

Amos refereed the opening Coca-Cola Bottlers tournament game between City and North Star at Lanhnam Park earlier this year.

He even awarded a penalty against City, but there were only a few who considered Peter Tokesi's waist-high tackle was not a foul.

"I was a bit nervous beforehand when I found out it was Brisbane City but once I got out there I thoroughly enjoyed it," Amos, 36, said.

Amos's last game was in

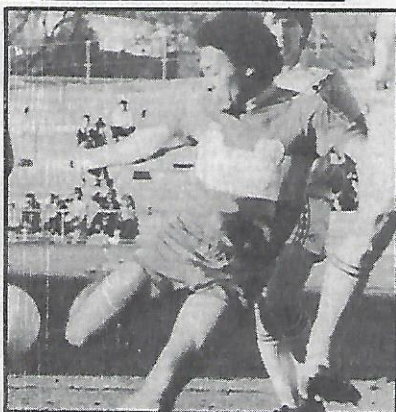
July, 1982, when he controversially disallowed a City goal that would have given the club, then struggling at the bottom of the table, a 2-1 win over Sydney Olympic.

With the scores deadlocked at 1-1 and only minutes remaining, Amos disallowed a goal from a Bobby Hamilton shot.

Amos ruled that the shot had ricocheted off the stanchion and had not fully crossed the line.

The City players and fans claimed Hamilton's shot had bounced out of the goalmouth after hitting the taut back netting.

Television replays later suggested the latter was correct, although the replays were not clear and the action too fast to make a conclusive decision.



Tony Brennan — bought out his own contract from Canberra for \$6000.

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Back to Canberra this Friday?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

As we went to press the NSL was expected to announce that the abandoned Canberra v SM-Hellas match (see page 5) would be replayed at Bruce Stadium in Canberra at 8 pm on Friday.

Hellas led Canberra 3-2 when bad weather forced an abandonment eight minutes from the end. Now both teams could have to play two games within three days.

Hellas has to win this one to regain leadership of the National Conference. Juventus took over leadership due to the abandoned game.

The weekend round will be robbed of at least six star players.

The six — John Kosmina, Steve O'Connor and Gerardo Gomez of Sydney Hakoah, Peter Beggs of Wollongong, Steve Watson of Sydney Croatia and John O'Shea of St George Budapest — all were sent off last Sunday.

Injuries may deplete the league further. One player almost certain to miss the round is centre back John Charlton of Brisbane Lions, who was taken to hospital after injuring an ankle against Heidelberg.

Sydney Hakoah climbed to the top of the Australian Conference by beating Sydney Olympic last week, but with three players missing this time, Hakoah looks doomed to lose against Sydney Croatia on Sunday.

That would open up the lead to either Newcastle, the previous leader, or St George.

Newcastle meets Green Gully Ajax at home, but Ajax is strengthened by Les Carter from Adelaide Juventus, and Steve Short who returns after injury.

St George meets APIA without John O'Shea and

his brother Rob who remains out of action due to injury.

Juventus is the new leader, but it meets Footscray J.U.S.T., which is much better than its results so far indicate. If Juventus is held to a draw then Hellas could stretch its lead by beating the young West Adelaide team at home.

As for the also-rans, things look a bit better this week for Sunshine-George Cross, which should stand a chance of beating Brisbane City at home, but in the Australian Conference, Wollongong is doomed to another defeat, this time to Sydney Olympic.

Peter Katholos's switch to attack has worked well. He and Marshall Soper should destroy the frail Wollongong line-up.

Ametco award

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Team of the week

In brackets: Number of appearances in team of the week:

RUSSELL (1) (SM-Hellas)	DJORDJEVIC (1) (Marconi)	McGACHEY (1) (West Ad. Hellas)	JENNINGS (1) (Syd Olympic)
SELEMIIDIS (1) (Heidelberg)	WADE (1) (Green Gully)	CRINO (1) (SM-Hellas)	GOJEVIC (1) (Melb. Croatia)
	SWEENEY (1) (Juventus)	ZINNI (1) (Juventus)	



Melbourne Croatia midfielder Jeff Faulkner.

FRIDAY

Canberra Arrows v. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS at Bruce Stadium, 8 pm.

SATURDAY

Newcastle v. Green Gully Ajax (draw) at International Sports Centre, 2.30 pm.

SUNDAY

Adelaide City Juventus v. HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30 pm.

BRISBANE LIONS v. Penrith at Richlands, 3 pm.

Juventus (Vic) v. Footscray JUST (draw) at Gillon Oval, Brunswick, 3 pm.

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA v. Melbourne Croatia at Connor Reserve, 3 pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v. West Adelaide Hellas at Middle Park, 3 pm.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS v. Brisbane City at Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm.

Blacktown v. CANBERRA ARROWS at Gabbie Stadium, 3pm.

Melita Eagles v. Marconi (draw) at Melita Stadium, 3 pm.

St George Budapest v. APIA-Leichhardt (draw) at St George Stadium, 3 pm.

SYDNEY CROATIA v. Sydney City Hakoah at King Tomislav Park, 3 pm.

Wollongong v. SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Wollongong Showgrounds, 3 pm.

Bradley, Hoare move up

John Bradley of APIA Leichhardt and Barry Hoare, the Blacktown goalkeeper, have joined young Canberra goalie Tony Franken and West Adelaide goalie Gary Sproul, as the leading vote-getters in our Boral Bricks best player award.

The winner will receive \$1,500 in cash.

Boral bricks also will

give \$1,000 to the top overall scorer out of both NSL Conferences.

Leaders:

- 17. Bradley (APIA), Hoare (Black), Franken (Can), Sproul (WA)
- 16. McIntosh (Pen).
- 15. P. Tredinnick (APIA).
- 14. McGachey (WA).
- 13. McMillan (Mak).
- 12. Jackson (BL), Ratcliffe (St.G), Savor (Syd Cr).
- 11. Maxwell (AC), Bromfield (BC), Tansey (JUST), Sweeney (Juve), Allan (ME), Murray

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	3	1	0	8	5	7
SM-Hellas	2	1	0	6	2	5
Melb. Croatia	2	1	1	8	6	5
W. Adel. Hellas	2	1	1	5	3	5
Adel. City Juve	2	1	1	4	3	5
Brisb. City	1	2	1	5	5	4
Makedonia	1	2	1	2	2	4
Brisb. Lions	1	2	1	5	6	4
Heidelberg	1	1	2	4	5	3
Footsc JUST	0	2	2	1	4	2
S. Geo. Cross	0	2	2	1	4	2
Green Gully	0	1	3	3	8	1

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Syd. C. Hakoah	2	2	0	7	4	6
Newcastle	2	1	1	5	3	5
St George	2	1	1	4	2	5
APIA	2	1	1	5	4	5
Melita Eagles	2	1	1	4	3	5
Syd. Olympic	2	1	1	5	4	4
Blacktown	2	1	2	4	4	4
Syd. Croatia	1	2	1	7	8	4
Penrith	1	2	1	7	8	4
Canberra	1	0	2	6	4	2
Marconi	1	0	3	3	6	2
Wollongong	0	1	3	4	11	1

BORAL BRICKS

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(Hak), Bundalo (Woll), Kay (Hak).	Caban (APIA), Swan (BC), Farina (Can), Yankos (H'berg), Carroll (JUST), Farrugia (ME), Gosling (Newc), Arnold (Syd Cr.), Patikas (SO), Honeyman (WA).
10. Wishart (BC), Djordjevic (Marc), Senkalski (Newc), Kosmina (Hak).	Top scorers:
9. Cannell (GG), Liddell (BC), Selemidis (H'berg), Brown (SM), Skeen (St.G), Barton (St.G), O'Reilly (SGC), M.Kovacic (Syd Cr), Flounders (AC).	4. Sweeney (J), Soper (SO), Kosmina (Hak).
	3. Branc (Newc), Marton (St.G), Arnold (Syd Cr), Bundalo (Woll).

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Selemidis (H), 5. Yankos (H), 4. Wright (BL), 3. Niven (BL), 2. Valentine (H), 1. Macleod (H).

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Campbell 7th, Gojevic 15th), SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 0 at Olympic Park No. 2. Crowd about 3000. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

CROATIA: Blasby 6 — Lewis 8, Curcio 8, Parton 7, (inj. sub Markovic 50th), 7. Hannah 8 — Faulkner 6, Campbell 6, Gojevic 8 — Biskie 6, Cumming 7, Brogan 7, Coach: Terry Hennessy.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Contini 6 — Dallesandro 4, (Stevenson 60th), Richardson 8, O'Reilly 7, Taylor 7 — Bonnett 6, Jovanovic 4 (McGorian 65th), MacLaren 6, Bain 8 — Gilder 4, Latif 6, Coach: Tommy Traynor.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Gojevic (Cr), 5. Richardson (SGC), 4. Bain (SGC), 3. Lewis (Cr), 2. Curcio (Cr), 1. Hannah (Cr).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0 PRESTON MAKE- DONIA 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 1900. Ratings by Frank Pangallo:

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS: McNally 7 — Shillabeer 7, Nyskohus 7, Flounders 8, Cecere 7 — Rankin 6, Mello 7, Villani 6, Maxwell 6 — Mullen 7, Gatenby 8, Coach: Edmund Kraft.

PRESTON MAKE- DONIA: Potter 7 — McMillan 7 — Dunn 7, Dobson 8 (sent off 89th), Petrovski 7 — Opasinis 7, Lucchesi 7, Odzakovic 7, Campbell 8 — Heys 8, Cole 8, Coach: Peter Ollerton.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Campbell (Mak), 5. Heys (Mak), 4. Cole (Mak), 3. Gatenby (AC), 2. Flounders (AC), 1. Dobson (Mak).

BRISBANE CITY 1 (Liddell 3rd), SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Arnold 44th) at Spencer Park. Crowd about 2600. Ratings by Ricky Rosso:

CITY: Wishart 8, Perry 7, Liddell 7, Hughes 6, Wilkinson 7, Swan 8, Pimblett 7, (Mengotti 88th), Abruzzo 7, Bromfield 8, Scriggins 6 (Glockner 59th), Mountford 8, Coach: Joe Gilroy.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson 7 (sent off 79th minute), Woods 8, Vidaic 6, Sterrey 8, Tomasic 6, Savor 7, Kovacic 8, Rezo 7, Clinch 6, Arnold 8, Kirwan 8 (Meades 53rd), Coach: Atli Wallace.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Arnold, 5. Bromfield, 4. Kovacic, 3. Swan, 2. Sterrey, 1. Mountford.

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

MELITA EAGLES 1 (D. Duarte 53rd) ST GEORGE 0 at Melita Stadium. Crowd: 2200. Ratings by Mick Mikalajczyk:

MELITA: McPherson 8 — McAusland 7, McGinn 7, Wilson 7, H. Tredinnick 7 — Davies 7, Farrugia 7 (McDonald 81st), Allan 8, Johnston 6, McKie 6 (Duarte 45th), Griffiths 7, Coach: Raul Blanco.

ST GEORGE: Greedy 7 — Skeen 7, M. O'Shea 6, Ratcliffe 7, Koczka 6 — Barton 7, Stone 7 (P. Riccio 66th), J. O'Shea 7 (sent off) — Petkovski 5 (Polias 83rd), Slater 7, Marton 6, Coach: Frank Arok.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. McPherson, 5. Allan, 4. Barton, 3. J. O'Shea, 2. Greedy, 1. Wilson.

APIA LEICHHARDT 2 (Tredinnick 38nd, Morsello 62nd) BLACKTOWN 1 (Sandy 4th) at Henson Park. Crowd: 1250. Ratings by George Streeter:

APIA LEICHHARDT: Parkes 6 — Brown 7, Bertogna 7, Pullen 8, Botticello 6 — Gray 8, Butler 6, P. Tredinnick 8 — Bradley 7, Caban 7 (De Ceglie 60th), Morsello 7, Coach: Fil Botticello.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare 9 — Wheatley 7, Dunleavy 5, Pointer 8, Shaw 7 (Rasmussen 68th) — Salvage 6, Byrne 8, Thorneycroft 6 — McLaughlin 6, Larkin 7, Sandy 8, Coach: Casey de Bruin.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Hoare, 5. Tredinnick, 4. Bradley, 3. Byrne, 2. Pullen, 1. Pointer.

MARCONI 2 (Brown 34th, Lowe 52nd) Newcastle 1 (Morgan 80th) at Marconi Stadium. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

MARCONI: James 7 — Carter 7, Djordjevic 8, Henderson 8, Rizzotto 6 — McCulloch 7, Spanos 6, Carbone 6 — Lowe 6, Brown 7, Jankevics 7, Coach: Les Schenflug.

NEWCASTLE: Goeding 7 — K. Kirby 6, Boogard 7, Burke 7, Cowburn 6 (Stamp 60th) 7 — McQuarrie 5 (Morgan 75th), Senkalski 6, Mason 6, Maier 6 — Brandt 6, McLelland 5, Coach: Ken Kaiser.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6. Djordjevic, 5. Henderson, 4. Jankevics, 3. Boogard, 2. Burke, 1. McCulloch.

CANBERRA 2 (Farina 33rd, Bryant penalty 35th) SOUTH MELBOURNE 3 (Yzendoorn 31st, Egan 39th,

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Canberra 2 SM-Hellas 3

Match abandoned 82nd minute.
Scorers: Yzendoorn, 31st, Farina, 33rd, Bryant, penalty, 35th, Egan, 39th and Brown 81st.
Venue: National Sports Centre.
Cautions: Murray, Brockbank and Russell.
Referee: Glyn Davies, 7.

Man of the Match:

TONY FRANKEN
(Canberra)

Doug Brown — made score 3-2 for Hellas.

Soccer history was made in Canberra on Sunday. A match was halted for 10 minutes, and finally called off with only eight minutes remaining and South Melbourne Hellas ahead 3-2.

In absolutely appalling — and positively dangerous weather conditions, referee Glyn Davies called the halt and then sent everyone into a tizzy when he announced: "The match isn't over."

"I've only called a temporary respite. I may restart it. I want to inspect the pitch in 10 minutes."

Inspect the pitch he did — and then officially abandoned the game.

And as NSL officer David Dillon commented: "Under the weather was absolutely appalling. It had to be seen to be believed."

The rain was torrential, with thunder and lightning and the winds were almost gale force.

Soccer was impossible. The ground was waterlogged and once the ball landed it either stopped dead or skidded several yards.

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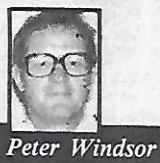
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It is even more reprehensible even in the grip of some emotion in the wake of these events, to state that such actions are either justifiable or understandable.



Peter Windsor

NSL rules — and FIFA rules — an abandoned game must be replayed.

Understandably Hellas players were bitterly upset "We were robbed," they exclaimed in exasperation.

Yet there could be no criticism of Davies' decision to abandon the game — the only criticism being that it took him so long.

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Brisb. City 1 Syd. Croatia 1

Scorers: BC — Liddell 3rd, SC — Arnold 44th.
Venue: Spencer Park.
Send Off: Watson (SC) 79th min.
Cautions: Fabrizio (BC) 27th min, Liddell (BC) 38th min, Woods (SC) 45th min.
Referee: Gordon Nicholson 7.

Makeshift goalkeeper Lee Sterrey produced a brilliant last-minute save to ensure Sydney Croatia kept a 1-1 draw with Brisbane City after Steve Watson had been sent off in the 79th minute at Spencer Park.

The Croatia goalkeeper, and national team contender, was ordered off by Brisbane referee Gordon Nicholson after clashing with City midfielder Ken Swan.

The incident came at the end of a good run by Swan that saw him finally lose control of the ball but lunge forward in an attempt to toe it past the oncoming Watson.

But Watson pounced brilliantly on the loose ball. He surprisingly then stood up and walked over Swan who was still on the ground.

The incident brought an instant reaction from players from both sides and officials had to race in to break up the melee.

Although Swan claimed he hadn't touched Watson, Nicholson restarted the game with a freekick to Croatia, ruling that Swan had fouled Watson prior to the retaliation offence.

The City fans had been waiting for a penalty and were riled by the freekick decision.

But the home team fans had further despair in the final minute when it seemed Bob Mountford had headed a winner. His attempt after a Steve Perry cross was rocketing towards the bottom left hand corner, seemingly too good for the stand-in keeper, but Sterrey surprised everyone when he dived full length to pluck the ball off the goal-line.

Watson off, Sterrey hero as goalkeeper



Ricky Rosso

Man of the Match:

GRAHAM ARNOLD
(Syd. Croatia)

City threatened more than the visitors but Croatia was brilliant with its skills and quick passing. Unfortunately though, it never seemed to be going anywhere.

City went ahead after only two minutes and should have capitalised on the early lead. From a freekick, following a foul out wide on the left on Mountford, Frank Pimblett knocked a cross low to the near post.

Big Frank Liddell ghosted in and with skills belying his size, he delicately flicked the ball into the net with the outside of the foot.

Minutes later a bad back-pass from Pimblett nearly gave Croatia the equaliser and the near opportunity spurred them on. The Sydney side kept City pinned in its own half for long periods but seldom got a shot on goal.

The dangerous-looking Graham Arnold posed the biggest threat and nearly turned one in in the 21st minute after a good cross from Wally Savor.

It was a spiteful first half in which Brett Woods and Liddell emerged with slight head cuts.

Nicholson handed out three cautions as he tried to quieten the game. Fabrizio, Liddell and Woods were the receivers.

But Fabrizio, who was cautioned for a bad tackle, was unlucky not to get a penalty three minutes from time when he was brought down viciously on the edge of the box. Despite plenty of white chalk flying into the air, Nicholson ruled the incident occurred outside.

From the freekick Fabrizio misused a shot but Mountford got a foot on the deflection to send it goalwards.

Watson made a fine save and threw the ball quickly to Drago Tomasic to put Croatia immediately on the attack.

The City defence was slow in recovering and Tomasic was able to find Arnold unmarked in the centre of the park. The big striker, who showed some great skills throughout the game, headed goalwards and from the edge of the penalty box, blasted a shot into the corner well out of the reach of City keeper Kim Wishart.

Arnold had another chance to score early in the second half but had his shot well saved then Bromfield broke in the 64th minute but watched in dismay as his shot beat Watson but rebounded off the crossbar.

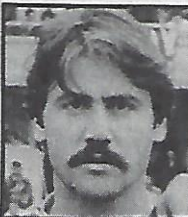
The loss of Watson seemed to boost Croatia to higher things and the Sydney side surprised City by refusing to defend.

Arnold came within a boot-stud of turning Liddell and getting a clear shot on goal while David Rezo almost edged a cross over Liddell and Wishart to the waiting Arnold.

The final straw came when Sterrey saved Mountford's fine attempt and once again City failed to register a win at home — something they have not done since July last year.

"It has been so long they have forgotten how to win. We know we are a difficult side to beat but we just can't do that little bit extra ourselves to take both points," City coach Joe Gilroy said.

CHAOS ON FIELD, IN CROWD AS EIGHT MEN WIN



Steve O'Connor
SC-Hakoah 2 Olympic 1



John Kosmina



Gerardo Gomez

Scorers: Katholos (O) 36th, Kosmina (H) 48th, Barnes (H) 57th.
Venue: Pratten Park.
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This line's effectiveness was further reduced when Gomez dropped back following Lynch's substitution.

The two would-be strikers, Kosmina and Fletcher, looked rather forlorn under these circumstances against a resolute Olympic defence where only goalkeeper Wilson looked to be of doubtful quality.

But things changed at half time, most notably with the switching of Murray Barnes from a mainly defensive to a much more aggressively attacking role.

From being one of the disappointments, the former Soccer skipper turned into a shining star of the match.

Hakoah switched into top gear and the gaps started to open up in the home rear-guard.

Kay got a break on the left wing just three minutes into the second half, cut the ball back from the line and Kosmina went flying through the air for a diving header which was the equaliser.

Just nine minutes later we saw a "carbon copy" of the first goal.

This time it was Grant Lee, more prominent by the minute since substituting for Lynch, who filled Kay's earlier role, and Murray Barnes did the job with another diving header.

Hakoah had matters safely under control, with Soper and Katholos virtually blocked out of the action and only Patikas showing flashes of inspiration in midfield.

Then came O'Connor's dismissal for a very late tackle on Patikas, but Hakoah still looked winners.

Especially after two unbelievable reflex saves by Tony Pezzano from Kalantzis and Soper.

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Man of the Match:
TONY PEZZANO
(SC-Hakoah)

From then on the proceedings bore precious little resemblance to a soccer match.

First Kosmina received his marching orders in laughable circumstances following a fairly innocuous clash with Rogers, then Gomez had an early finish to the match after a tackle on young Kalantzis, who was stirring matters up on the left wing of Olympic with some very effective running and ball work.

Olympic shot its bolt when after some turmoil in the Hakoah penalty area Cant managed to boot the ball off the line — and that was the end of it.

As I said last week, Hakoah was ready to boil over into one of its unstoppable moods, following some lukewarm displays in recent weeks.

The question though is how can a team fail to take control of a match where for over half an hour it is opposed by only 10 and for the final 10 minutes by nine and then eight men?

Olympic is a very promising outfit this year, and should reap immense benefits from the bitter lesson of last Sunday if the lessons are heeded and acted upon.

Just a final note on this overblown controversy of a match.

Players sent from the field are punished fittingly for their alleged misdemeanours by the referee's action and the suspension which follows.

Spitting on them, petting them with cans of drinks and other missiles and the heaping of racist abuse at them as they leave the field is totally out of order and reprehensible.

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Man of the Match:
ALEX BUNDALO
(Wollongong)

**Penrith 3
Wollongong 2**

Scorers: Jackson pen. 20, Bundalo 49, Colusso 83, Hale 85, Fontana 88th.
Venue: Cook Park
Cautions: Vilestra, Willis (W) Wotherspoon (P).
Sent off: Beggs (W)
Referee: Terry Seacey 6
Crowd: 701

After taking the lead with a penalty in the 20th minute through Brian Jackson, Penrith continued to build up a succession of moves without looking very safe at the back. Penrith was especially suspect in the goalkeeping department.

Wollongong looked likely to take away a point until the final 15 minutes when faced with the introduction of substitute Dennis Colusso to the by then jaded home side.

Combined with the puzzling sending off of Peter Beggs, the Wolves found the task of hanging on beyond them as the home side came back to life.

David Fitzharris, who set up many moves for Penrith in the first half, failed to reappear after an interval chat with his coach Willie Wallace.

It was Fitzharris who provided Ian Hunter with a chance in the third minute, but the former Marconi player hit the side netting with his shot.

At the other end 17-year-old Alex Bundalo provided Peter Beggs with a similar opportunity in the 8th minute and this time the ball struck the angle of the upright before bouncing out of play.

Twenty minutes into the game Brian Jackson found his way into the box and was in sight of his target when up-ended by Hristovski. Jackson himself took the penalty, giving Tilse no chance.

**Wotherspoon,
Bundalo
in top form**



Paul Goodwin

Penrith brought on young David Hale for the second half and he fitted in well from the outset. Wollongong was presented with almost a gift goal, with the second period only four minutes old. Goalkeeper Gibson threw the ball at the feet of Kotamanidis who sent Bundalo away. The skilful youngster executed a neat sidestep before planting the ball beyond the 'keeper's reach.

Ian Hunter was unable to put away a perfect ball fed by Wotherspoon when faced only by Tilse at point blank range in the 53rd minute. Peter Beggs tested Gibson with a cunning lob after an hour which the Penrith man tipped over.

Then, three minutes further on, Beggs received his marching orders to the surprise of most people after apparently saying a few words.

Wollongong drew back into defence from this point and seemed capable of handling the situation well enough, but reckoned without the skills of Ian Wotherspoon.

The 23-year-old Scot crossed from the left in the 83rd minute, a couple of Penrith players attempted to wrest control before late substitute Dennis Colusso eventually found room to place a low shot through a packed defence and into the net.

Another fine run by Wotherspoon ended with a ball to the far post which half time replacement David Hale, a day after turning 18, met with a perfect volley.

Fontana pulled one back for the Wolves with two minutes left, managing a shot from close range after Gibson had elected to stay frozen on his line.



Marconi's David Lowe (extreme right) sends his penalty attempt well wide against his old side Newcastle last weekend. But Lowe had the last laugh, scoring his team's second goal in its 2-1 win. Picture by ALEX VASIC.

**Lowe makes up
for penalty miss**

**Marconi 2
Newcastle 1**

Scorers: Brown 34, Lowe 52, Morgan 80.
Venue: Marconi Stadium.
Referee: Doug Renno 6.

Marconi outplayed Newcastle for most of the match at Bossley Park but failed to capitalise on its superiority and in the end had to battle hard in order to preserve its slender lead.

After going into a 2-0 lead soon after the restart, Marconi looked set to win by a handsome score. Chances missed during the first period included a penalty, taken by David Lowe which missed by metres!

Despite all the misses, Marconi was in full flight and had Newcastle at its mercy midway through the second half.

Somehow Marconi's midfield failed to take hold of the situation and allowed Newcastle back into the game. While Newcastle introduced two fresh players during its period, Marconi kept its team intact with Mariani and Licata on the bench.

I would venture to suggest that Marconi could have done with swapping Mariani for

Man of the Match:
JOVAN DJORDJEVIC
(Marconi)

Spanos. With Newcastle hard-pressed and battling to stave off a heavy defeat and Spanos trying fast it was obvious that Mariani would have made the difference, just as Licata might have done in the last 20 minutes in place of Lowe.

However, coach Les Scheinfeld elected to keep his side intact and almost paid dearly. Alf Stamp and Peter Morgan came on in place of Cowburn and McQuarrie and certainly made their presence felt.

Morgan scored for Newcastle to make it 2-1 and set the scene for an exciting finish, then, in the dying seconds of the match it was Stamp who almost stole a point for Newcastle.

I say "stole" because that is exactly what it would have been had Stamp found the net and not goalkeeper Bruce James with his shot.

Marconi was by far the better side and certainly deserved to win.

Apart from a slow start by the home side it was all systems go for most of the match with Newcastle desperate to stave off a huge defeat. Mark Jankovics was instrumental in creating goal scoring situations up front while Tony Henderson at stopper and Jovan Djordjevic at sweeper looked always too good for their counterparts from Newcastle.

Chances came thick and fast for Marconi in the last 15 minutes of the first half. The first real opportunity came after a header by Jankovics found Spanos. His quick pass to Carbone was relayed to Brown, whose shot on the turn stunned Gosling as the ball slipped inside the post for Marconi's opener.

A minute later Jankovics ran rampant. He beat one player then cleverly drew another before slotting a pass for McCulloch but in came Kerby with a clumsy tackle and a penalty was given. However, Lowe missed, aiming for the scoreboard rather than between the sticks.

Another header by Jankovics a minute later found McCulloch free to face Gosling but even then Marconi failed to convert.

Another chance soon after the restart was missed by the home side before Lowe scored against his old team to make amends for his earlier miss. Lowe found Brown with a clever through pass then ran 60 metres to latch on to a low hard cross by Brown to tuck it away from only two metres.

Marconi's midfield appeared to be tiring towards the end to allow Newcastle back into the match and it was no surprise when Morgan rose high at the far post to nod in his header from a chip by McLelland to make it 2-2.



Alex Vesic

**AC Juventus 0
Makedonia 0**

Referee: Donald Campbell 5.
Venue: Olympic Sports Field.
Cautions: Cole and Dobson (Mak) Gatenby (J).
Sent Off: Dobson 89th.

At least the football wasn't as dismal as the weather and referee Don Campbell's handling of the match.

Rather than a bland performance from the two teams. It was one of mixed fortunes.

Both enjoyed dominant periods although it was Makedonia which did look the more fluid unit.

It had clear winners in attack and across the midfield but failed to grasp the nettle when it really mattered.

Juventus too, failed to make the most of its chances. And by chances, I mean real sitters. Take Makedonia! It had done most of the running. It had forwards in Heys, Campbell and Cole who were prepared to take on and beat the Juve defence. But when they did, the final finish was woeful.

**Hennessy, Garvey
support Arok**

From page one

Cole should not be ignored, as he is in his prime at 28, and the 1986 World Cup is not that far away."

Other coaches did not take the same attitude on Arok's policy. Terry Hennessy (Melb. Croatia) praised the national's coach's attitude.

"It's a big job and every coach should accept a share of the workload. It is vital that Australia does well internationally as success at international level rubs off at all levels of the game in the country," he said.

Hennessy has two or three players in mind to recommend from the Melbourne Croatia side but refuses to reveal the names at this stage.

Brian Garvey (Heidelberg) another coach who was not at the meeting because his club had not informed him it was on, rang Frank Arok on Friday to apologise for not attending.

"I would love to have been there because I have players who I seriously believe deserve a call up," he said.

"Charlie Yankos has already played under Arok in the national team and is an obvious candidate."

"But I also believe Jeff Oliver is at his best and ought to be considered for the goalkeeping position, while Ian MacKie is without doubt the best right back in the country on his early season form."

Arok appointed John Margaritis as his Melbourne assistant but the Juventus coach could not say how he will tackle the task or make his recommendations, because Arok had not yet spoken to him about what he requires.

Margaritis got the nod ahead of Ollerton and Green Gully's Jimmy Rooney.

Arok said Ollerton could not be appointed because he is still playing while Rooney has not yet established a track record as a coach yet.

Chances galore

By Frank Pangallo

Man of the Match:
GEORGE CAMPBELL
(Makedonia)

Cole was involved in three of Makedonia's messy scoring attempts.

Midway through the first half Cole had set up Heys right in front but the red-haired winger was true to his poor scoring form in Adelaide — skied the ball over the bar.

Cole made the Juve defence look like snails soon after when he turned superbly and accelerated through a group of four defenders. But his efforts were wasted with a poor ground shot that Juve keeper Willie McNally held.

Cole tested McNally again midway through the second half but again McNally was equal to it.

Juve blew two sitters in the second half.

Maxwell demonstrated he isn't a two-footed player when he was presented with a gift at

point blank. One swift sweep of his right foot failed to make any impression on a ball, begging to go in.

Soon after Mark Gatenby, Juve's new signing, in his debut, was in a similar spot in the box but his shot struck an upright.

Gatenby had an impressive match. He's strong on the ground but especially in the air, as he showed early on with a sizzling header that brought out the best in Potter between the Makedonia posts.

Don Campbell's handling of the match was heavily criticised by both coaches. Some of that criticism was justified as he tended to let too much go unattended.

I'd hate to have seen Graham Heys' shirt after the game. He had his legs cut from under him on so many occasions during the match that it was a surprise to see him walk off the park at the end.

But Campbell was firm near the end. Dobson felled Mullen with the crudest of tackles. Mullen then showed his displeasure at Dobson so the Makedonia player replied by striking Mullen on the face and was sent off.

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Malavazos top prospect

**J.U.S.T. 0
W.A. Hellas 1**

Score: Malavazos 38th.
Venue: Schintler Reserve.
Cautions: Tutill 61st (J.U.S.T.)

While J.U.S.T. players, officials and fans slammed referee Sam Zoumas verbally after this match, they seemed unaware of the obvious inadequacies of their team.

The hard fact is that J.U.S.T. is forced to field a few players whose hearts could fit neatly into a thimble. There's so little bite when the chips are down that good players like Joe Carroll and Gary McEwell are left to carry the flag.

J.U.S.T. desperately needs a good big man up front so that Vlatko Belic can play permanently in midfield. At least Belic might get stuck in because the others there right now look good on the ball but ask them to try and win it and it's a different matter altogether.

Jim Davis and Kyri Kyriakou are hard men. They're due to return to the side soon. At least there might be light at the end of the long, dark tunnel



Craig Mackenzie

in front of J.U.S.T. coach Bobby McLachlan.

J.U.S.T. should have taken the lead against the young West Adelaide Hellas side in the 15th minute. Gary Sproul in the Hellas goal, completely misjudged a long, high ball which hung in the air. He sagged out of goal, almost to the edge of the area, but Carroll got the ball first, laying it into the path of Brian O'Donnell, who tried to place his shot only to watch Graham Honeyman clear off the line.

Nick Malavazos, Hellas' 17-year-old central striker, looks a tremendous prospect. His off-the-ball runs were timed to perfection and his close control is also good. He forced Lou Tsigras to get down and save in the 17th minute after getting the ball from a Tim Brown header.

Malavazos struck what was to be the decisive blow of this

Man of the Match:
NEIL MCGAGHEY
(WA Hellas)

match in the 38th minute. His goal came at the end of a superb interpassing Hellas move which started deep in its left back position. The ball was played forward to Manecas near the half way line and with J.U.S.T. players dragged to the left of the park, Manecas knocked a simple square ball into the path of Steve Atsalas on the right, with Malavazos making a diagonal run further afield.

Atsalas steadied, then slipped the ball to Malavazos inside the area. The youngster's first shot was blocked. His second was unstoppable as he calmly lobbed the ball into the top far corner of the J.U.S.T. goal.

Referee Sam Zoumas grabbed the spotlight in the second half.

After Paton, then Zdravko Lujic and Belic all had chances to level, Hellas defender John Papazoglou appeared to handle well inside his own area. Zoumas awarded a corner to J.U.S.T. despite vociferous protests.

However, Zoumas derided Hellas from a certain goal in the 57th minute when he gave three of its players offside, even though the linesman never flagged. In fact, Zoumas hadn't spotted Igor Hazabent playing the Hellas players onside. The linesman had, but Zoumas ignored him.

Carroll should have levelled in the last minute. Suleiman Curovic played a fine ball forward, one of the few, and Carroll got clear only to lob both the advancing Sproul and

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Scorer: D. Duarte 53rd
Yellow Card: A. Koczka
Red Card: M. O'Shea



Mick Mikolajczyk

those days when nothing would go right in front of goal. They created no less than seven scoring opportunities but good goalkeeping by Alex McPherson aided by the woodwork, kept them scoreless.

Melita attacked right from

the first whistle and play flowed from goal to goal as both sets of midfielders worked hard to create an opening. In fact, when either side attacked down the wings, both defences were hard pressed to contain opponents.

The first half remained scoreless mainly due to the good form displayed by both goalkeepers.

After the interval, it didn't take long for the game to really come to life.

In the 51st minute St. George had Melita's defence spreadeagled but John O'Shea's shot crashed on to the post.

Man of the Match: ALEX MCPHERSON (Melita)

Two minutes later the winning goal was scored.

Alex McPherson's long clearance to the left flank eluded David Skeen and Billy Griffiths charged down the wing as the covered defence came across, he neatly slipped the ball inside to Dennis Duarte who streaked away

from two defenders to score with a beautifully placed drive low into the corner of the net.

St. George was stunned but wasted no time in trying to hit back. Barton, Staten and John O'Shea came close but the ball wouldn't go in.

Dez Marton's luck wasn't much better either. In the 68th minute he beat everyone in sight but chose yet another turn and was dispossessed with the goal at his mercy.

Tragedy struck the Saints in the 74th minute. An uncharacteristic defensive blunder just on halfway saw Duarte set to sprint away but for Michael O'Shea's diving rugby tackle. Referee Peter Rampley did

not hesitate in awarding a red card.

Although a man down, St. George showed courage by continuing to press forward.

Melita counter attacked and exposed the Saints' defence without further success but St. George still did not give up hope of a late equalizer.

However, McPherson and his defence held firm much to the delight of the vocal home crowd.

A pleasing feature of the game was the powerful non-stop display in midfield by Melita's Don Allan.



George Streeter

Man of the Match: BARRY HOARE (Blacktown)

goal gave Blacktown some heart and Sandy was almost there again two minutes later (in the 6th) to challenge Parks but the ball was eventually cleared of the line by APFA defence. Peter Tredinick provided some excitement for the home crowd when his cross, partly cleared by Pointer, landed at the feet of John Bradley. A quick shot by Bradley followed but the woodwork was in the way.

Kerry Caban's shot from close range drew yet another superb save from Hoare, but in the 38th minute a corner kick by Morsello and a subsequent clearance by Pointer saw Peter Tredinick unleash a superb drive which left Hoare helpless.

Ian Gray tried his luck close to half time but found Hoare just too good.

However, the second half saw Blacktown go to pieces. Dunleavy was all at sea and the rest of the Blacktown side did not do much better.

With APFA-Leichhardt continually attacking, the second goal had to come. A cross from the right hand side saw Bradley take a shot which was partly cleared by Pointer and Morsello tucked it in for the winner.

Blacktown, without the services of its top line striker Phil O'Connor through an infection, sadly was depleted up front. As for APFA, it certainly was a better day in an up and down season to date.

Halford for Croatia?



Laurie Schwab

Man of the Match: STEVE GOJEVIC (Croatia)

Melb. Croatia 2 S. Geo. Cross 0

Scorers: Campbell 7th, Gojevic 15th.
Venue: Olympic Park No. 2
Cautions: Parton (Cr), Lewis (Cr), Hannah (Cr), Bain (GC).
Referee: Dennis Voutsinas

Croatia continues negotiating for Carl Halford of Hellas to complete what Tommy Cumming believes is a championship-winning team, while Sunshine George Cross coach Tommy Traynor is at his wit's end.

Traynor has probably the slowest team in the league, and any combination he may come up with would get results only by defending.

Traynor showed the right spirit in at least trying a few changes against Croatia. By bringing Frank Dallesandro in at right back, Traynor was able to shift Gerry Bennett into midfield to help counter Steve Gojevic. Traynor also brought Slobodan Jovanovic into midfield, in place of John Stevenson.

Neither move worked, though. Gojevic was the man of the match, and Jovanovic did nothing. Yet the previous week, neither John Stevenson nor Mick McGorian had impressed, and that's why both were on the bench this time.

I feel, though, that Traynor can't afford to play without McGorian, as he is one of the few players with pace.

George Cross's best performers were centre back Steve Richardson who was powerful in the air, and Roger Bain who did a good job of marking Josip Biskic and also managed to get forward.

Peter Lewis and George Hannah, along with Gojevic, continued to push Croatia forward after the break, but Jim Campbell, Jeff Faulkner and Biskic failed to do likewise, with the result that Cumming and David Brogan up front had to make their own luck.

Keith Adams was absent from the side, and so George Hannah came in at left back, where he did a good job, going up and down the line tirelessly. It was a throw-in by Hannah in the seventh minute of play that led to Croatia's first goal. Brogan relayed the throw via an overhead kick, and Campbell headed home at the far post.

Gojevic made it 2-0 in the 15th minute, playing a one-two with Cumming, and then shooting in off the far post, with a little help from goalkeeper Alan Contini whose dive was all wrong.

A free kick by Ossie Latif which hit the crossbar in the 25th minute was the closest George Cross came to scoring.

Steve Kokoska, out of action for about a year due to injury, made a comeback in Croatia's youth side, which lost 0-2 to George Cross in the curtain-raiser.



Ken Kontra

Heidelberg 3 Brisb. Lions 1

Scorers: Selemidis 8th, Vagias 50th, Peterson 71st (Heidelberg), R. Stewart 90th (Brisbane Lions).
Venue: Olympic Village.
Cautions: Petersen (H) 38th.
Referee: Stuart Mellings 8.

Theo Selemidis played a great captain's game, scoring an early goal with a sizzling shot and setting up Theo Vagias to score Heidelberg's second. His clever off-the-ball running was also a feature. He was always available for an easy pass, particularly in the first half.

The Lions however did not live up to their fine unbeaten record, and seldom looked a confident outfit. Perhaps the early departure of sweeper John Charlton unsettled the team (he was taken off on a stretcher in the 14th minute, and to hospital with a suspected broken bone in the foot). But his replacement Peter McClurg was one of Lions' better players and slotted well into Charlton's position.

Selemidis the Lion-tamer

Heidelberg's coach Brian Garvey decided to strengthen his forward line, and pushed Mike Valentine and Theo Vagias forward to support Steve Winn. This move worked to perfection as Heidelberg's three-men midfield of Selemidis, Angele and Petersen found more space to work in, and more targets to aim at. Selemidis took on the role of schemer, Angele the destroyer and Petersen the runner.

If Joe Angele and Mike Petersen learned how to distribute the ball, this midfield could develop into quite a formidable one! Up front Vagias did some good things, Valentine covered a lot of ground, but Steve Winn still looks out of touch and does not look like scoring.

The Lions' front runners worked hard but achieved little. Generally Yankos, Macleod and McKie had the measure of Gaunt and McDonald only Danny Wright looked threatening.

Heidelberg started the match with positive tactics, going forward at every opportunity.

Heidelberg scored their second, just five minutes into the second half.

Selemidis made a great run with the ball into the penalty

Man of the Match: PAUL WADE (Green Gully)

Heidelberg's first victory for the season was watched by guest of honor Mr Manavis, who is the Mayor of Salomika, Melbourne's twin Creek city, and Sam Papavas, chairman of the NSL, who were hosted by smiling Heidelberg president Sam Gouloupoulos. I am sure Sam could not have wished for a better show to entertain his distinguished guests.

Davidson available

Danny Davidson is available from Frankston Pines for \$1,750.

The former Hakoah defender played with Pines last year but is determined to move. He can be contacted at home on 465 0759.

Davidson is an experienced defender and would be a fine acquisition for any State League or leading Metro club.

Wade, Hogben, Short for 'Roos?

Green Gully 2 Juventus 2

Scorers: 0-1 Sweeney 13m, 1-1 Vassallo 18m, 2-1 Carter 44m, 2-2 Ward 46m pen, 2-3 Swinscoe 90m.
Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.
Cautions: Carter.
Sent off: Kremers.

Green Gully may be groping up the NSL's national conference but coach Jimmy Rooney will have no hesitation recommending three of his players to national coach Frank Arok for inclusion in the Socceroo squad in the upcoming trials.

Rooney claims man of the match Paul Wade is already in the international class, and David Hogben has benefited greatly from his switch from left to right back and should be given good consideration.

But the surprise recommendation will be Steve Short, who is yet to play a game in the NSL, and whom Rooney labelled as "the best sweeper in the country."

Short is expected to return this week after injury.

Goalkeeper Lou Denys



Peter Desira

marred an otherwise good performance with a bad throw-out in the first minute of the second half allowing Andrew Zinni to swoop in and rob Ron Kremers and forcing the young centre back into pulling down the winger and giving away a penalty which Gary Ward converted with ease to equalise at 2-2.

Gully weathered the storm and almost regained the lead when Wade set up new boy Les Carter with an inch perfect cross but Carter's fierce header smashed against the bar.

Joe Sweeney broke the deadlock in the 13th minute after a cross from the right by Robert Cullen had been touched on in the box for the striker to slot it home at the far post.

The goal was his fourth of the season but he won't be

Man of the Match: THEO SELEMIDIS (Heidelberg)

adding to that tally for a couple of weeks as he left for Scotland on Monday to see his father who is gravely ill and will be away for at least two months.

Gully drew level within five minutes when Carter shrugged off a challenge by Frank Germania to centre into the area for Willie Vassallo to net one of his rare goals for the Greens.

Carter himself got the second right on half time after a centre from the right by Bobby Toal was pushed into his path by Jimmy Williams.

Then Juve got that penalty early in the second half and then scored the winner right on fulltime.

With Kremers off, Cullen exploited the weakness in Gully's back four to carve out an opening for substitute Kevin Swinscoe to score near the end.

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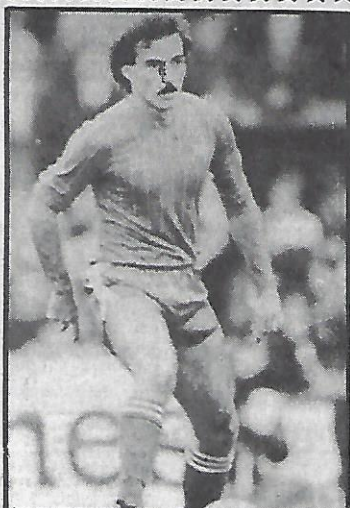
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Willie Miller of Aberdeen and Scotland



SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

Presenting Willie Millett, captain of Scotland

Footballers' nicknames are gained through a wide variety of reasons. Few can have stranger origins than that of Aberdeen and Scotland captain Willie Millett.

It was during Aberdeen's Australian tour of 1974 (Miller forgets the city), that a public address announcer referred to him as "Willie Millett". From that time on, he has been called "Millett" by one and all at Pittodrie Stadium.

Miller had celebrated his 19th birthday a fortnight before departing for Australia with a mere one full season of senior soccer under his belt, yet he was to be appointed team captain the following year.

His relentless determination to succeed and ability to inspire through example earned him an exceptional captaincy material even in those days.

A product of the Glasgow back streets, he was spotted playing as a striker for junior club Eastercraigs by legendary Aberdeen scout Bobby Calder who died recently at the age of 83.

Although born and bred less than a mile from Celtic's home ground, Miller did not follow the fortunes of any particular professional outfit, as playing three games each weekend left no time to watch others.

He remained a striker during his first 18 months on Aberdeen's books. Loaned out to Highlands League club Pe-

By PAUL MOON

The first Aberdeen player to win 30 senior caps, the last three as captain, Miller previously represented the Caledonians 10 times at youth level and on 14 occasions in under 23 encounters.

Brilliant midfielder Gordon Strachan has gained most plaudits during the dons' rise, yet the club's skipper has, overall, made the more effective contribution.

Miller, who sleeps for 12 hours before a match, considers himself to be approaching his playing peak at 28 and may have an even greater impact to make in the future — the 1986 World Cup, perhaps.

By then he should be a name familiar throughout the soccer world — even to Australian public address announcers!

TOBACCO TABOO

African soccer officials have banned a tournament sponsored by the Rothmans tobacco company and ordered advertising for the Camel Trophy to be removed from stadium being used for the African Nations Cup finals played in the Ivory Coast this month.

The second Rothmans Cup was due to be held in June this year in Kenya. But the African Football Confederation (CAF) decided to ban the Cup because it is sponsored by a tobacco company and because of the Rothmans company's links with South Africa.

Mohammed Dange said the Kenyan federation had written to the CAF asking it to re-consider its decision on the grounds that the tournament had been played last year and no-one had objected.

The CAF meeting also banned advertising for the Camel Trophy, and ordered hoardings at the stadium in Abidjan and Bouaké to be removed, sources in Abidjan said.

The Camel Trophy is one of six official sponsors of the African Nations Cup finals. The Swiss company which is marketing the finals, 1st-Rofa, signed with Camel Tobacco on the basis that it was a genuine sports tournament and not advertising Camel cigarettes.

The Rothmans Cup had already aroused controversy. Nigeria's new sports authorities announced in January that no Nigerian team would be allowed to participate because of the company's links with South Africa.

Youth power for Hammers

By WALTER PLESS

West Ham United long has been known as a producer of fine young players through its youth development policy. Many of the youngsters developed at the so-called "football academy" at Upton Park have made the senior ranks and have gone on to represent their country at the highest level.

Bobby Moore, Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters are just three from the past that spring readily to mind.

A new crop of youngsters is this season beginning to make its mark, as West Ham's 3-0 win against Stoke City clearly showed last month.

Manager John Lyall faced a major crisis prior to the game as no less than nine of his first team were unfit. But, the youngsters came to the rescue in fine style.



The great Bobby Moore

Victorious youth team are now playing in the first team and having a hand in all three goals. Lyall obviously is West Ham by all the injuries but believes that the club's depth of talent will see it get into Europe next season, given its present standing in the top six in First Division.

"The senior players that we're missing obviously are of a high quality, but, I think the club is as strong as its depth and we've gradually felt that the last two or three years we were getting more and more depth into the club. Fortunately, the young lads have come through as well so that's been a bonus. My problem's going to be in about a month's time when they're all fit and we've got 20 players available. But, that's a nice prospect. It will be nice if West Ham could be successful over the next two or three years. It's something that we've built for and we're aiming for and I do really hope it happens."

Barbados, Granada out of '86 World Cup

By PAUL MOON

FIFA has announced the first withdrawals from the 1986 World Cup. Continued internal political turmoil is responsible for Granada dropping out, while financial problems are cited as the reasons for Barbados' decision not to compete.

New West Bromwich Albion manager Johnny Giles has made his first two major acquisitions on the transfer market — Eire international midfielder Tony Greashall from Brighton and Steve Hunt, the former Coventry City and New York Cosmos winger.

Liverpool captain Graeme Souness missed Liverpool's 0-2 loss at Southampton, due to the death of his father.

Michel Platini has signed a new, two-year contract with Juventus, thus ending speculation about the European Footballer of the Year's future.

Italian international Giancarlo Antognoni is out of the game for the rest of the season, after sustaining a fractured leg playing for his club, Fiorentina, against Sampdoria.

Also sidelined for a lengthy period is Mark Hamman, who made his international debut for England in Sydney last year. A knee injury is the reason for his lay off.

Plymouth Argyle became the 6th Third Division club to reach the FA Cup semi-finals as the result of its victory at Derby County. Its predecessors were Millwall (1937), York City (1955), Port Vale (1954), Norwich City (1959) and Crystal Palace (1976).

Brazilian superstar Socrates denies reports he is to join an Italian club, insisting he will continue with present club Corinthians until his retirement, possibly after the 1986 World Cup.

The contest to stage the 1990 World Cup finals appears to be between USSR and Italy. England has withdrawn its claims, admitting that having staged the event as recently as 1966, its chances were limited, while Greece's credentials have been deemed inadequate by FIFA.

West Germany's utility player, Wolfgang Dremmler, seems certain to miss this year's European Championship finals in France. He severely injured his knee in Bayern Munich's 2-0 win over Offenbach Kickers.

There is much irony in the African Confederation's decision to fine Algeria and Nigeria \$5,000 for arranging a draw in their recent African Nations Cup match — a result which enabled them both to qualify for the final stages of the tournament.

It was Algeria which was the victim when Austria and West Germany "contrived" their infamous tie during the 1982 World Cup.

MOVE OVER OSCAR, H

Since the day I saw Pedro Ramos dominate proceedings in a vital Division One promotion tussle between Box Hill and Fawcner, I have become convinced that the tiny midfielder has the potential to be the next mid-field maestro to be talked of in the same glowing terms that abound round Zarko Odzakovic and Oscar Crino at their present magical best.

Fawcner had adapted the continental approach with then coach Cedo Cirakovic preaching the skills of European soccer rather than the hustle and bustle connected with the British style.

Yet, despite Fawcner's last minute winner, I came away highly impressed by the bee-like busyness of the tiny midfielder, striking numerous, inch-perfect passes, showing a fair bit of skill in taking men on, and just as importantly not afraid to mix it in the tackle despite his lack of height.

Funnily enough, talking to me this week, Pedro Ramos mentioned that Box Hill's encounters against

Fawcner in recent years always been matches he would love to win.

"Games against Fawcner have never been dirty or I really enjoy playing in them," said Ramos.

My high expectations of the becoming reality 18 months when Ramos, along with Irtson and Mike Valentini, granted permission to the Heidelberg, after the NSL, proached the Hillmen to youngsters a trial.

Valentine and Patter subsequently were signed by Fawcner but Ramos is still languishing in the Victorian State League, more than a glorified Division of a few years back.

So what has gone wrong with progress of a young player seemed destined for the Victorian soccer?

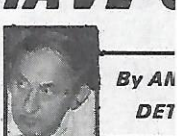
"I played 13 matches for last year but I broke down with a recurring hamstring which just wouldn't heal."

"I kept trying to make backs after building up the

39 caps, tops in the U.S., that's Hennessy

WHERE HAVE

Frank Arok will have immense difficulties finding two wingers for his national team — there's an acute shortage in that commodity.



By AN DE

Wingers, on the whole, belong to a dying race all over the world.

Even great teams, like Italy and Brazil in the 1982 Mundial, played without them — though some of their players, like Rossi, Graziani, Eder and Socrates did drift out to the flanks pretty often.

The changing trends in soccer have but alleviated the need for true, orthodox wingers of the Matthews, Finney, Rahn, Sjöberg and Garrincha types.

The most you will find now, under happy circumstances, is one winger in a team — often not even that. The 1-4-3-2 and 4-4-2 formations simply have no room to accommodate two flankmen.

And where are the happy days when teams played a more daring 4-3-3, let alone 4-2-4?

But Arok would be hard pressed to find two wingers of international class here even if he tried.

An by that definition I'm referring to earlier players like Blitz, Todd, Buljevic, Vojtek and Gauto, men who stuck to the line and knew how to get behind a defence.

I must join the general consensus and admit that Phil O'Connor, now with Blacktown City, is the only one who fully fits the bill.

There can be little argument about O'Connor's class, skills and speed; perhaps for another two or three seasons he should have his place secure in the Soccerroo side.

The comes a gap... Peter Sharne, some two or three seasons ago, looked like the new find — but since his return from Hong Kong he has gone to pieces and it's far from certain that he'll be what he once was.

Zdravko Lujic of Footscray JUST is a true winger — but probably past his best. Had he joined a "big club" some three or four years ago and come under stricter discipline than Footscray's earlier Bohemian, laissez-faire approach, he could have made it.

George Campbell and Willie Murray are fine mid-field-wing players but obviously not in Soccerroo contention; Jovan Djordjevic, who has the class, doesn't qualify — and his club uses him in defence anyway.

That leaves the younger but there the prospects are equal. Arok is known to have a vision of Robert Slater, he has a vision ("controlled aggression" Arok wants) and a knack for it. But his skill level is very much on his left foot pretty ineffective handicaps in the international arena. The youngster was unfortunate to be badly injured recently.

Rene Licata looks the part of a winger with deft touch and crosses.

However, his inexperience in his position even in his insecure.

Ian Hunter has not in



Phil O'Connor lines up (partly obscured), Steve



Steve Wooddin

Wooddin, Cole in Kiwi 17

Steve Wooddin (South Melbourne Hellas) and Duncan Cole (ex-Canberra City) both have been included in the 17-man New Zealand squad chosen to travel to Singapore for the Olympic qualifying tournament.

They will be away from domestic soccer for six weeks, as the squad assembled in Auckland last Monday, plays three warm-up games against Malaysia between March 31 and April 7, then leaves for Singapore and the week-long tournament.

NO TO DOC

Despite being the media's favorite to fill West Bromwich Albion's managerial vacancy, ex-South Melbourne Hellas and Sydney Olympic coach Tommy Docherty was pipped for the position by Johnny Giles.

When Albion's directors accepted the resignation of Ron Wyllie, just four days before an FA Cup game against Plymouth Argyle, they promised a successor would be appointed within 24 hours.

Newspaper and radio speculators named Docherty as the likeliest candidate, although other prominent members of British football's unemployment list — Ritchie Barker, John Barnwell and Terry Neill also were mentioned.

However, it was Giles, the former Manchester United, Leeds United and Eire midfielder, that the "Throats" turned to.

This will be the Irishman's

second stint in charge at The Hawthorns, having led the club to promotion from Division Two in 1975-76 and a respectable position in Division One the following season whilst player-manager, before resigning for reasons which have never been fully explained.

His first act upon returning to Albion was to appoint two famous old teammates as his assistants.

Norman Hunter, sacked a year earlier as manager of Barnsley, and brother-in-law Bobby Stiles, the fierce tackling hero of England and Manchester United in the 1960s, both will serve as Giles' right-hand men.

— PAUL MOON

R ZARKO, YOU TOO RE COMES PEDRO



By PETER DESIRA

but it was only during the close season that it was diagnosed that a back injury was the cause of all the trouble.

"With my back out of place I was sometimes even getting pain doing something simple as driving a car for any length of time.

"Once the real problem was located I started getting treatment for it, seeing the physio regularly and doing a lot of swimming and I'm hoping to be back at my best in the next few weeks.

"Coach Billy Murray has already asked me if I am ready to play but I'm taking it gradually to ensure there are no hiccups this time."

The Ramos family migrated from Chile 10 years ago and it didn't take Pedro long to extend his love of soccer to the local scene.

"We were recommended to Nunawading City but because my

English was poor at the time I went to Nunawading United because there were a few friends there who spoke Spanish."

He moved to Box Hill's under 16s as a 15 year old and now has been with the club for over six years.

The skill he has inherited from his early South American upbringing, but Ramos credits Billy Murray for making him into a senior player.

"My natural game is to attack and I used to fool around a lot in midfield and the penalty box.

"I owe a lot to Billy who has taught me when to and when not to do things like that.

"He has instilled in me the need to tackle and win the ball — I had never defended before."

Ramos, who concedes to being "not bad with the left foot but having a preference for the right", likes the flank position in midfield

and indeed has given his best performances on the right side of the midfield trio.

Has his lack of height been a drawback?

"Not really. In actual fact I've scored quite a few goals with headers and the year we went up from the First Division (1982) a fair share of the 17 goals I scored were with the head," Ramos says.

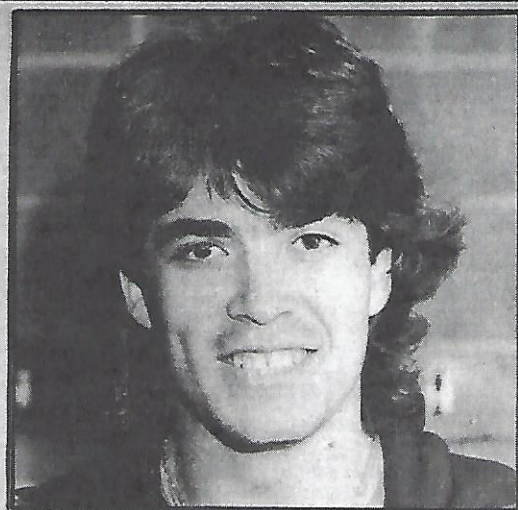
So has the midfielder still got ambitions or has he, at 22, missed the boat for a move up with the new breed of locals to the NSL?

"Scott Patterson and Mike Valentine are still good friends of mine and I envy them a bit, not in a nasty way, at their having already made the grade.

"Like every player I too would like to play there. It's the best league in the country and everyone has to aim for that.

"I believe that if I can get myself really fit I can play in that league — you have to have the confidence in your own ability to get anywhere."

Of the current day players, the player Ramos most admires is Jim Campbell, now with Melbourne Croatia.



Pedro Ramos, set to soon burst onto the NSL scene.

"During the time I trained with Heidelberg, I always looked up at Campbell. I like his style of play — he is so sharp."

And what about Crino? Can this mighty midget match the feats of the South Melbourne maestro in the near future?

"I know Oscar and have always

been aware of the determination he has had to make it to the top. He is very skilful but with Len McKendry there he will not only use skill but also be very much a team player.

"I certainly would like to play in the NSL and be as good as Oscar — I guess it's really all up to me once I get back to full fitness."

By
PAUL MOON

A Welsh international, who spent a highly successful playing career in England, is the current North American Coach of the year and now guides Melbourne Croatia: Terry Hennessy, like the cognac which bears his name, obviously travels well.

Wales schoolboys' representative, Hennessy signed professional forms for Birmingham City in September 1959, immediately upon reaching his 17th birthday, and was to remain with City for six seasons.

Although the Midlands club would finish no higher than 17th in the First Division during at time, it did contest two major knockout competition

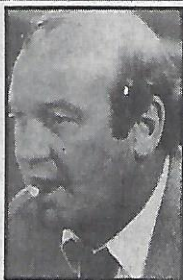
pals.

In 1960, City reached the final of the Inter Cities Fairs

cup, forerunner of today's

UEFA Cup, only to lose 2-4 on aggregate to AS Roma.

Three years later, the



Terry Hennessy

"Blues" defeated neighbours Aston Villa 3-1 in the Football League Cup decider.

Not only did Hennessy gain two cup medals in his stint at St Andrews, but international recognition too.

He won his first senior cup in April, 1962, against Northern Ireland, just two months after making his debut at under-23 level against the same country.

Over the next 11 seasons, Hennessy was to wear the colors of Cymru on 39 occasions.

Birmingham's relegation at the end of the 1964-65 campaign prompted a return

transfer request. This resulted in his move to Nottingham Forest for \$140,000.

Hennessy already had received much acclaim as a hard, demanding captain at Birmingham. At Nottingham, his leadership qualities were even more evident.

Forest was a more than useful team. Apart from the Welshman, it had an extremely able goalkeeper in England under-23 representative Peter Grummitt, the powerful ex-English senior international centre forward Joe Baker, veteran centre half Bob McKinlay, exciting young winger Ian Storey-Moore and Henry Newton, who had few equals as a forceful linkman.

It was around the tall, long striding, inspiring and cultured wing-half that most things revolved though. His breaks from deep in defence were the platform for many victories.

The 1966-67 season saw Forest finish as league runner-up for the first time in its long history, headed only by the Manchester United of Law, Charlton and Best at the time, and it took a highly talented Tottenham Hotspur side to thwart Forest in a pulsating F.A. Cup semi-final.

From that point, Forest's fortunes declined and were only revived by Brian Clough a decade later.



Melbourne Croatia. Back row: Rob Markovic, George Hannah, Mate Grgic, Peter Blasby, Dave Brogan, Drago Deankovic, Jozo Antolovic. Front: Tony Curcio, Steve Gajovic, Josip Biski, Keith Adams, Jeff Faulkner, Tommy Cumming, Sean Parton. Missing: Peter Lewis, Jim Campbell.

Then, however, Clough was in the process of building Derby County's most successful team ever and he saw Hennessy as a vital brick in the final structure.

Consequently a transfer fee of \$20,000 — then a record for both clubs, enabled County to acquire the Forest skipper in February, 1970.

Just over two years later County became league champion, but unfortunately Hennessy could claim but a small portion of the success, being restricted to 18 appearances out of a maximum of 42.

Recurring injuries were now taking a heavy toll and in February, 1974, they forced his retirement.

Although a long familiar figure on the soccer grounds of Britain, the prematurely balding Hennessy, who had figured in 401 league games, was only 32.

The fact he spent so much time with mediocre Birmingham and Forest teams, plus Wales' status as an international minnow, throughout the 1960's restricted Hennessy's impact as a player, but there was never any doubt about his class and today he is recalled as one of the finest old-fashioned wing-halves.

He believed himself capable of giving much more to the game after hanging up his boots, yet found opportunities in management and coaching to be limited.

Eventually, he joined little Tamworth of the semi-professional Southern League as manager and did well with limited resources, yet failed to attract the attention of clubs in the Football League.

Unable to break into full-time professional coaching in the United Kingdom, he was content to move across the Atlantic, joining Tulsa Roughnecks, first as assistant coach, then gaining promotion to head coach in 1982.

Quickly, the Oklahoma club was transformed from merely a team that was difficult to beat into one which triumphed in last year's Soccerbowl.

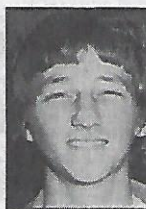
Yet, Hennessy was disillusioned by the uncertainty and crassness of soccer in the U.S. and, liking what he heard about Melbourne and its football from son Dean, was happy to take charge of Croatia.

Hennessy brings with him knowledge, determination and enthusiasm — all of which will be invaluable as Croatia embarks upon its first NSL adventure.

OUR WINGERS GONE?



Bill Vojtek



Peter Sharpe



Branko Buljovic

ficiently since the 1971 World Youth Cup; neither has Mark Koussas who, anyway, is better suited for a central striking position.

Perhaps Olympic's young Terry Patalis will forge to the fore in 1984.

Patalis, with his build, long strides and directness, looks like a true winger. So the chances are that O'Connor will be

the only "true" winger for the Soccerroos — unless Frank Arok gives one of the youngsters a chance in an "easier" match, like against Taiwan or the home tie against New Zealand.

Wingers, like goalkeepers, are born, not made — and our assembly line appears to have run out of raw material for the time being.



Australia against England in Melbourne last year. From left: Greedy, Jennings, Ratcliffe, Connor, Phil O'Connor, Murphy, Cant, Watson, Yankos, Davidson, Kosmina.

BAN ON 3 TOP REFS

The in-fighting that has sometimes occurred in Tasmanian soccer circles has apparently spread to the referees' body. It seems as if three officials, Danny D'Abate, Derek Stoneman and Warren Barclay, the first-mentioned a Class I referee of some 14 years' experience, the other two Class II referees, are the victims of a power play.

All three have been suspended by the Australian Soccer Referees' Federation (Tasmanian Branch) until at least April 8 when their appeal and "not guilty" pleas will be heard by a judicial committee.

The suspensions came as a result of the three officials being in control of the Juventus-Pioneer v Canberra Arrows match played in Hobart on February 4.

Ken Morton asked Danny D'Abate if he would referee the match. D'Abate agreed, obtained permission from Bill Harding, the secretary of the local referees' body, and invited Stoneman and Barclay to be his linesmen. On the day of the match, three other officials, apparently appointed by the State referees' body, showed up to control the match and confusion reigned supreme. D'Abate, Stoneman and Barclay eventually officiated, following a meeting behind closed doors between the six referees and representatives of the Tasmanian Soccer Association.

Several days later, the three officials (D'Abate, Stoneman and Barclay)

TASMANIAN SCENE with Walter Pless



Craig Nichols

were suspended. In the words of Ron Spence, the President of the ASRF (Tasmanian Branch), they were suspended "because the State Executive received a serious complaint about their conduct." Spence refused to comment further.

The point is that this reflects badly on Tasmanian soccer and I believe that three men are being used as pawns in a power play involving certain groups within the code. Hopefully sanity will prevail. It's hard enough getting mainland sides over here to play, without fighting about who will referee the matches!

Top two missing
Every cup competition

has its hard lucky story and this year's Michael The Tail Summer Cup is no exception.

Olympia WPL needed only a draw in its final match against Juventus-Pioneer in order to qualify for the semi-finals but it lost 1-2. Even then, the Greek side finished level both on points and goal difference with Caledonians but the latter went through by virtue of the fact that it had scored five goals compared to Olympia's four. And Caledonians' telling goal came in the final seconds of a 3-2 win over University!

Olympia's coach, Otto Klaus, was a bitterly disappointed man after the Juventus match. "I'm very disappointed," he said "I have the feeling that the team, especially some of the experienced players, let me down."

Klaus was referring to the fact that Ronnie Bolton and Craig Nichols were missing from the team. Bolton simply did not turn up, and Nichols was playing in a second-grade cricket match which was followed by an end-of-season barbecue.

These two players are vital cogs in the Olympia team and who knows what the result might have been had they played against Juventus. As it was, Klaus was forced to field youngsters Nikitris and Kaproulias, as well as the relatively inexperienced Patinotis.

The problem with many local "stars" is that they don't concentrate fully on their soccer. I cannot understand how a player of Nichols' calibre, a player who just has had several trials with Footscray JUST, could put a cricket match and barbecue before a vital game involving Olympia.

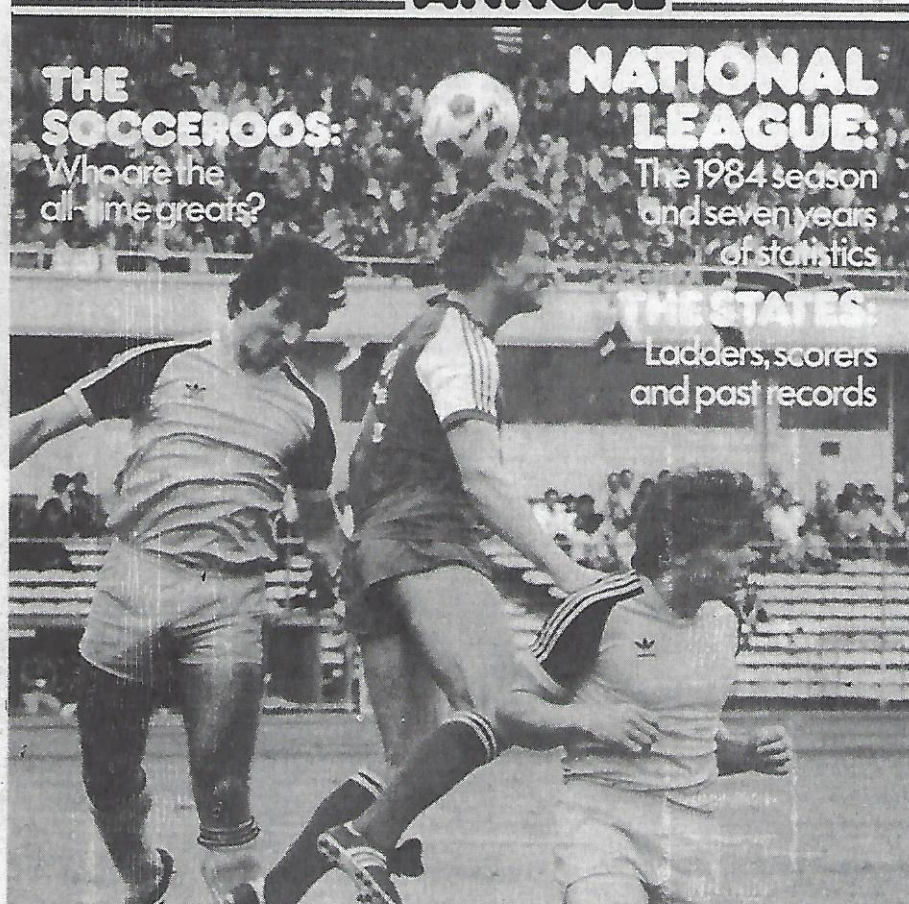
Bolton's failure to turn up for the match is impossible to comprehend.

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Have you heard the one about the Scotsman, the Englishman and the Irishman selected Box Hill to win the State League championship; the Englishman selected Fawkner, and the Irishman is selecting Polonia.

In fact, Polonia will replace a Maltese-backed club in the Australian Conference next season, and become the first

Buffalo State League

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Western Suburbs.....	2	0	7	6	4	4
2 Knox City.....	2	0	8	3	2	4
3 Polonia.....	2	1	0	3	4	5
4 Frankston Pines.....	1	1	0	3	1	3
5 Fawkner.....	1	1	0	5	2	5
6 Morwell Falcons.....	1	2	0	4	3	5
7 Northcote.....	2	0	1	8	3	4
8 Croydron.....	2	0	1	2	1	4
9 Albion Rovers.....	1	0	2	3	7	2
10 Box Hill.....	1	0	1	3	6	3
11 Broadmeadows.....	0	2	3	4	2	2
12 Doveton.....	0	2	2	5	0	0
13 R. Wilhelmina.....	0	2	2	5	0	0
14 St Alb. Dinamo.....	0	0	3	0	0	0

CROYDON 1 (I. Loughane 76th) BROADMEADOWS 0 at Croydron Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Kastner 7 — Rainey 7, Singleton 9, Ormond 5, Brown 7 — Marley 9, Brewster 8, I. Loughane 76 — Griffiths 7, French 6 (in), Sals 85th). Killy 6, Coach: Colin Hasler.

BROADMEADOWS: Pace 7 — Smart 7, Vizzini 8, Donaldson 7, Sendra 6 — Watson 6, Daniels 5 (Pocock 60th), Stoikos 5 — Vaccaro 5, Liberto 4, Penzo 6, Coach: Dave O'Connor.

Best three for Schipano's Player of the Year award: 3. Singleton (C) 2. Marley (C) 7. Vizzini (B).

NORTHCOTE 5 (Boarotto 9th, 21st, Katsakidis 50th, Constantinou 75th, Dinopoulos 82nd) ALBION ROVERS 1 (Rodrigues 6th) at John Cain Reserve, Sunday.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7 — Wilson 8, Katsakidis 7, Bozikis 8, Wright 7 — Toro 7, Quigley 9, Patiniotis 7 (in), Constantinou 70th) — Dinopoulos 7, Boarotto 8, Micevski 7 (Mitros 80th). Coach: Tony Vrina.

ALBION ROVERS: Bryden 6 — McMorrows 5, D'Sylva 6, Gilmour 6, Douglas 5 (Gatt 4th, 6th) — Galea 5, Barba 6 — Rodrigues 6, Bouzas 5, Spikari 5 (Reid 85th). Coach: Billy McIntyre.

Best three for Schipano's Player of the Year award: 3. Quigley (N) 2. Wilson (N) 1. Boarotto (N).

FAWKNER 4 (Fattore 22nd, Palinkas 29th, Boyle penalty 65th, Cazzella 71st) POLONIA 4 (Przybyla 17th, 55th, Mitten 31st, 57th) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Terzini 5 — Giacomi 6, Fattore 5, F. Macleod 5, Hobson 6 — Angale 6 (Lia 85th), Boyle 7, Palmariotti 6 (Sannipoli 62nd) — Cazzella 8, Tuffa 8, Palinkas 7, Coach: Gus Macleod.

POLONIA: Lukac 5 — Lipiarski 8, Mila 6, Innes 5, A. Czapnik 6 — Gibson 7 (sent off 72nd), Tront 7, Gardiner 7, G. Czapnik 6 (Gregory 72nd) — Mitten 8, Przybyla 9, Coach: John Gardiner.

Best three for Schipano's Player of the Year award: 3. Przybyla (P) 2. Cazzella (F) 1. Mitten (P).

BOX HILL 2 (Smith 43rd, Keenan 87th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Warszawski 10th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 8 — I. Roodhouse 6, Lawler 7 (Underwood 83rd), Hennessy 6, A. Roodhouse 6, White 9 (Jazzopardi 85th), Vereski 7, Hughes 8, Keenan 6 — Smith 9, Priestley 8, Coach: Billy Murray.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 7 — G. Haupt 6 (sent off 63rd), Meyer 8, Corke 8, Verniers 7 — Walls 7, Burton 7, Shannon 6 (in), Adams 60th) — Bakker 5 (M. Haupt 60th), Warszawski 6, Stewart 6, Coach: Rudi van Altena.

Best three for Schipano's Player of the Year award: 3. White (BH) 2. Smith (BH) 1. Meyer (RW).

WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (K. Coyle penalty 35th, Stenson 78th, Mussel 83rd) DOVETON 1 (Sirtion 10th) at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachiris 6 — Borg (in), Papachristodoulou 6, Dimovski 6, Hammill 6, Lekkas 7 — K. Coyle 7, Mussel 7, Kakantonis 6 (sent off 60th) — Lazopoulos 6, Stenson 8, Filippis 7, Coach: Jimmy Condilis.

DOVETON: Radov 7 — Watson 8, Gadsby 6, Buchanan 5 (Miller 70th), Fitzpatrick 7 — McDonald 6 (Savio 60th), Edmondson 6, McLeod 7, M. Lennon 5 — Sirtion 5, Webster 7, Coach: Hammy McMeachan.

Best three for Schipano's Player of the Year award: 3. Stenson (WS) 2. Watson (D) 1. Mussel (WS).

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Bingham 2nd) FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Thurlow 43rd) at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 7 — Clarke 6, Higham 6, Bruns 8, Trifun 5 — Moore 7, Maclean 6, Bingham 2 (Constable 70th), Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

FRANKSTON PINES: Stutchbury 7 — Wilson 6, Thurlow 7, Cullen (in), Miller 34th, 6th, Beech 7 — O'Halloran 5 (Livingston 80th), Ross 6, Cooke 7, Cummings 6 — McGinnigle 8, Dick 6, Coach: Danny McMcInnes.

Best three for Schipano's Player of the Year award: 3. Bingham (MF) 2. McGinnigle (FP) 1. Cooke (FP).

ST. ALBANS 0 KNOX CITY 1 (Gerrish 67th) at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.

ST. ALBANS: Lacock 7, Kuzman 4, Bozic 3, Brkljajic 4, Nobilo 5, Pavlovic 4 (Radman 68th), Batniovic 5, Istuk 4, Morovic 4, Vojtek 5, Dzic 4.

KNOX CITY: McTurk 7, Russell 4, Tunstall 4, Bislinger 4, Dixon 4, Keenan 4 (Brindle H.T. 3), Murray 4, Roddis 4 (Healy 80th), Gerrish 6, House 6, Lesbirel 4.

Best three for Schipano's Player of the Year award: 3. McTurk (KC) 2. Lacock (SA) 1. Gerrish (KC).

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4 — Przybyla (P), Marley (Croy), Gerrish (Knox), Meyer (R. Wil.).
3 — Mila (P), Gilmour (Albion), Singleton (Croy), McTurk (Knox), Quigley (North), Angale (Fawk.), Bingham, Clarke (Morw.), Lazopoulos (WS), White (B. Hill).

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3 — Mitten (P)

By MICK MITTEN

Polish backed club to play at National League level.

It will take a step along this road by defeating Western Suburbs on Sunday at Raleigh Reserve. Polonia has too many big guns for Western Suburbs with a front line that has scored over 30 goals already this season.

In the other big game this Sunday, Box Hill will rise to the

occasion and win. Falcons have problems in the middle of their defence with a lack of mobility and cover. John Higham is not a good sweeper and will be sorely tested by Box Hill's forwards. But I doubt that the loser will have much to cry about, as both teams will finish in the top four.

At Egan Lee Reserve on Saturday, Fawkner will defeat

Knox. Despite Knox's good start to the league, on the three occasions I have seen it this year it has not been impressive. I do not see anyone capable of stopping Ian Tuffield in the air. The only danger for Fawkner is Knox striker Greg Hodge but he too often is on his own up front.

The Pines versus Croydron game at Monterey Boulevard will result in a draw on Saturday with neither side destined to achieve much this year.

Doveton will defeat Ring-

wood Wilhelmina at Waratah Reserve on Sunday. Doveton could surprise this year. I like the look of its front three of Mark Lennon, Ian Sirtion and Stan Webster. These three are capable of scoring against the best and Ringwood will not prove too difficult to break down.

SATURDAY
Frankston Pines v Croydron (draw) at Monterey Boulevard, 3 pm.
Knox City v FAWKNER at Egan Lee Reserve, 3 pm.

St Albans Dinamo v NORTHCOTE at Churchill Reserve, 3 pm.
Broadmeadows v Albion Rovers (draw) at Laura Douglas Reserve, 3 pm.
SUNDAY
BOX HILL v Morwell Falcons at Wembley Park, 3 pm.
DOVETON v Ringwood Wilhelmina at Waratah Reserve, 3 pm.
POLONIA v Western Suburbs at Raleigh Reserve, 3 pm.

Quigley, Wilson set for NSL, Kerr to Falcons, Culina back at Dinamo

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Morwell Falcons are set to sign transfer listed Alan Kerr from Sunshine-George Cross this week for about \$3000. Kerr is a former Melbourne Croatia and North Parth Croatia midfielder with a reputation as being a tough customer.

"Just the player I need in midfield," says Falcons coach Jimmy Dunne.

Northcote now seems certain to lose Mark Wilson and Colin Quigley to NSL clubs while Branko Culina was about to re-join St Albans Dinamo for a \$6000 transfer fee as we went to press.

Wilson, a Northern Irishman who can play either in midfield or at full back, has agreed terms with Heidelberg. All that remains is for the clubs to agree on a transfer fee. Northcote rejected Heidelberg's initial offer of \$3000. A figure closer to \$5500 will seal the deal.

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Branko Culina

Northcote's reported policy of playing youngsters in the first team will work. It could be a season of struggle for the John Cain Reserve outfit.

Dragan Vasic has earned the tag of "The Invisible Man" at Broadmeadows and has been fined \$200 for his non-appearance at training sessions and his disappearance on match days.

Vasic, signed from Richmond this season, will be dumped by Broadmeadows, if he again misses a training session or fails to turn up for a match. The club already has dumped Darko Kuna, the ex-Melbourne Croatia player.

Vasic disappeared for three weeks recently. He turned up for the first game of a Dockerty Cup double header at Laura Douglas Reserve on Sunday, March 11. The second game featured Broadmeadows against Sandringham City. But by the time the second match was due to start, Vasic had gone. He went to Schindler Reserve and watched his old team Footscray JUST getting beat 3-2 by Brisbane City!

Jimmy Ross, imported from Scotland by the now defunct Hellen-Hakoah a couple of seasons ago, made his debut in midfield with Frankston Pines against Morwell Falcons on Saturday.

Doveton fans and officials weren't impressed with the refereeing of their team's game against Western Suburbs at Ralph Reserve on Sunday. The Doves were leading 1-0 when a penalty was awarded to Suburbs. Keiron



Alan Kerr

Coyle took the penalty which was saved by Doveton goalie Branko Radov. The ref ordered a retake. Again Radov saved. Yet another retake was ordered. This time Coyle converted, slamming the ball in off the underside of the bar.

Suburbs won 3-1, despite playing for most of the second half with only 10 men after former South Melbourne Hellas player Steve Kakantonis was sent off.

Ringwood Wilhelmina coach Rudi van Altena also wasn't pleased with the refereeing display as his side went down 2-1 to Box Hill at Wembley Park on Sunday.

"I finished up with a long list of injured players. Some of the things that were let go out there today were dreadful," said van Altena.

Paul Corke has a broken nose. Greg Warszawski received a head wound, Des Shannon was kicked on the knee and had to go off. Mark Wells had his lip cut and his nose bled, and Hans Meyer has a gashed shin.

Wilhelmina's Graham Haupt was sent off in the 63rd minute, to add to van Altena's woes.

Box Hill has signed David Brooks from Ringwood Wilhelmina for \$3000. Brooks trailed with Sunshine-George Cross recently.

Steve Irvine re-signed with Croydron last night (Tuesday) ending weeks of speculation over the future of the talented striker.



St Albans Dinamo player-coach Billy Vojtek, in action against Knox last weekend. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

METRO FIRST DIVISION

KEW CITY 1 NUNAWADING CITY 1 (Furzer) at Stradbroke Park, Saturday.

NUNAWADING CITY: Madjer, Brown, J. Greenewald, Furzer, L. Deane, Owen, N. van Egmond jr., Bakker, S. Deane, Mullett, W. Greenewald (Moyle 75th).

Nunawading City had victory snatched from its grasp in the last three minutes.

The first half was scoreless and few clear-cut chances were created. Both goalkeepers were in command.

In the 48th minute, Mullett

hit the post after good approach work by S. Deane. Two minutes later Nuna took the lead.

Furzer's fierce header from a corner on the left was parried by the Kew keeper and Furzer followed up to head in the rebound.

Madjer made the save of the match in the 68th minute, a full stretch dive, to save a certain Kew goal.

Strong defensive work by L. Deane and Furzer kept Kew at bay, however, in the 87th minute, a fine individual effort from Kew earned it a point.

METRO SECOND DIVISION

SANDRINGHAM 1 (Morroy penalty 69th) ELTHAM 1 (Briggs 10th) at Silthio Reserve, Saturday.

SANDRINGHAM: Karac 8, Ogden 7, Finnigan 7, Plumb 7, Stuart 6, Pool 7, Mackay 5, Morroy 6 (in), Karpathakis 75th, Jones 5, Dudley 5, Dillon 7.

ELTHAM: Carey 6, Hadzic 4, M. Cirka 8, Raynes 7, DeLany 7, Alderson 7, Lewis 6, Woodward 6, P. Cirka 7, Briggs 7, Norton 6.

Eltham had the upper hand early and took the lead in the 10th minute. When Peter Cirka headed a throw-in across goal and

Chris Briggs nodded it into the home goal.

Sandy Fothergill back but the Eltham defence held out by a variety of means. Norton had a good chance to increase the visitor's lead just before the break but shot wide with only the goalie to beat.

Play became a bit scrappy after half-time and it was 21 minutes before another goal came. This time Bill Morroy scored from the penalty spot after Alan Raynes had handled the ball in the area.

Shortly before the end Norton again broke through the Sandy defence and again rushed his shot which was held by the goalie.

SELECTIONS

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE
Saturday: Albion City v ALTONA CITY: Bonacker v Monash University; Mervyn City v Carlton; West Brunswick v Maitland; Central City v West Geelong.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION TWO
Saturday: CAULFIELD CITY v Dandenong City; Eltham v NORTH GEELONG; Coburg v Sandringham City (draw); HEIDELBERG BUNDOORA v Waverley City; KERRIL v Ringwood United; MORWINGTON v South Otago; SOUTH MELBOURNE MORDAIDIC v Prahran.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION THREE
Saturday: Royal Richmond v PRAHRAN City; Ardor v LAMARLY RANGERS; Brighton v MORDAIDIC; YALLANDIC v Moorabbin City; BULLER v Kew United; CROD v Geelong; ESSENDON CITY v Port Melbourne.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: EAST BRUNSWICK v Boroondara; CLIFTON HILL v Hillfield Park; Greenborough v YARRAVILLE; Newcomb v SPRINGVALE UNITED; KEYSBOROUGH v Rosedale; FERNETREE GULLY v Rosanna; Langwarrin v LALOR UNITED.

PROVINCIAL DIVISION ONE
Saturday: CLARINDA v Balaclava; CHELSEA v

Boroondara; CLAYTON v Shepparton City; HAWKS-BURN v Monash University; Mervyn City v Carlton; West Brunswick v Maitland; Central City v West Geelong.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: BERRICK CITY v Altona; CHELTENHAM v Nunawading United; CRANBOURNE v South Yarra; FERRY CITY v SOUTH DANDENONG; Geelong United v RECENT; Kyneton v ALTONA UNITED; PASCOE VALE v University of Melbourne.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: RINGBELL v Moorabbin Rangers; CLARINDA v ROBINSON RANGERS v Dallas City; HAMPTON WANDERERS v West Melbourne; Lyndale v SEAFORD UNITED; North Sandringham v DIAMOND VALLEY; Mitcham v BURWOOD UNITED; BRUNSWICK CITY v Port Melbourne.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: WHEELER v BATMAN UNITED; Camerons v PARADE; East Geelong v MILDURA; GEORGE CROSS v Frankston Pines; Richmond United.

YOUTH LEAGUE
Saturday: BRUNSWICK UNITED JUNIORS v Footscray J.U.S.T.; Preston v MELBOURNE CRUZZA; SOUTH MELBOURNE v Knox City; SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v Frankston Pines; MORWELL FALCONS v Heidelberg United; NUNAWADING CITY v Green Gully Aps.



Dragan Vasic

It'll never replace soccer!

By LES SHORROCK

Dinamo 0 Knox 1

Scorer: Gerrish 67th. Venue: Churchill Reserve.

The one and only bright spot in this dreary encounter

ter came in the 67th minute, when Jeff Gerrish latched on to a loose ball just outside the St Albans Dinamo penalty area and volleyed it fiercely past Danny Lacock.

The goal was out of character in a game that seemed either destined for a goalless draw or to be won by a defensive mistake, and there were plenty of those.

Despite poor covering, both goalkeepers, Stuart McTurk for Knox and Danny Lacock for Dinamo, were more than equal to the task of keeping the opposing forwards at bay.

The St Albans ground, although a little cramped, was in excellent condition, not that most of the players would have noticed, as the game was rarely played on the grass, as the ball continually was sent sailing into adjoining gardens or the street.

One well-known VSF Board of Management member sitting alongside me said it took him back to his Metro Fourth Division days. He must have been referring to the nonchalance with which children strolled across the ground during the game. Indeed, one toddler got entangled in the Knox City goal-net, much

to the consternation of McTurk, who fielded a back-pass with one hand and shepherded the kid away with the other.

The whole pathetic St Albans effort was epitomised in the closing minutes when, with McTurk lying dazed on the ground after colliding with two of his defenders, Ned Batniovic, with all the time in the world, ballooned the ball over an empty goal and into the next parish.



Knox City's Jeff Gerrish jumps for joy after scoring the winning goal against Dinamo on Saturday.

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Sutherland for the title, but watch out for Canterbury!

Sutherland can hit back from the disappointment of not being included in the 1984 NSL by winning the NSW State League championship.

If Sutherland achieves such a feat, and by my reckoning it's the team to beat, then as NSW State League champ it automatically will be invited to compete in next year's NSL.

In fact, maybe a year away from top company won't do the club too much harm. It has revamped its administration and, will be out to build a fine side — two factors essential to establishing itself in the NSL.

Sutherland

President: P. Grey
Secretary: B. Cox
Coach: John Lavin
Home ground: Seymour Shaw

After an upheaval in 1983 and the loss suffered by the club at the voting table for a National League position, some familiar faces have left Sutherland.

Laurie Haynes, one of the longest serving members of Sutherland and secretary for many years, has resigned in protest over the decision taken by the ASL. Johnny Watkins, the ex-Socceroo, and the club's most successful coach, also has left.

Steve Meades and Shane Clinch have gone to Sydney Croatia and one would think that gloom has descended upon this proud club. Not so. With a new committee and Johnny Lavin as the new coach, things look bright. The 1983 side minus the Clinch-Meades combination, has returned and looks awesome.

Mal Haynes has come out of temporary retirement, Watkins, Schumann, Dalfovo and Hesford are at the back; and at least five midfielders and five forwards are on the look-out for the remaining six positions with Mark Harrington and Nigel Groomle almost certain to retain their places.

Chances are that Sutherland will be hard to beat and it looks odds-on to take the 1984 State League championship.

The squad: Haynes, Dart, Watkins, Schumann, Dalfovo, Hesford, Schumann, Harrington, Groomle, Rogers, Hargrave, Johnstone, Cooper.

Canterbury

Secretary: Lionel Brown
Coach: John Zippolatis
Home ground: Arlington Oval

Changes at Arlington Oval "shouldn't prove too much of a difficulty" says John Zippolatis, the effective coach of Canterbury.

"O.K. so we lost Theodorakopoulos, but we obtained Dounis and Ioanidis from Sydney Olympic and that has more than compensated us," he said.

Well, I am not so sure. The loss of Brown a little earlier than Craig Hall (who wants to play elsewhere but Canterbury has too big a fee on his head),

Jimmy Basterfield and now Theodorakopoulos, that is all a bit too much for a club striving to win the league.

Still, Canterbury looks a threat. Dounis, Petas and Ioanidis should carry this threat, complete unknowns you might say, but all skilful and fast. Bill Fternatis, Andrew and Anagnostopoulos should provide the service while Ali El Zein in goal will marshal the defence again.

The squad: El Zein, Antonopoulos, Delfakis, Laws, Hantzis, Andrew, Anagnostopoulos, Phillipou, Fternatis, Dounis, Petas, Ioanidis.

Inter Monaro

President: Laurie Pastrello
Secretary: Mrs D. Roberts
Coach: Roberto Vieri
Home ground: Marco Polo Oval

This big spender from the A.C.T. really means business!

Walter Valeri and Sebastian Giampaolo are back in town and eager to combine and score goals as they used to for Inter Monaro before they move to A.P.T.A. Should these two find Tony Brennan with them at Inter, then the full picture of A.C.T. power will be on view.

Certainly the most lethal front line in the league! Roberto Vieri has retired but Andriakovic, Shaw, Djordjevic and Popovic should provide sufficient service from midfield for the same front line. It also is important to note that young Monterosso is no pushover and should add further power up front.

The defence is Monaro's main problem. Catanzariti in goal has Santolin and Frances in front of him but two more top class defenders would help.

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NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Smith as the "old man" directing traffic from the middle of the park. Another youngster who made an impact in pre-season matches was Peter Stojcević and his skill and speed should help Brown and Karanfilovski, both seasoned campaigners.

Ilija Takac, the ex-Yugal and ex-NSW player, has coached St George and Yugal in the past with moderate success, but like good wine he seems to be maturing.

Of Macedonian origin, the club has formed strong roots in the area of Rockdale. To have its ties with its new home and truly cemented, the club is known as Rockdale Ilinden and has substantial support. It is in this area that the side will look for that extra ounce in tight matches to get the points. And with its strong following, it looks set for a good year.

The squad: Bodetta, Wilson, Pilovski, Robin, Degney, Butcher, Smith, Slavski, Ristovski, Stojcević, Brown, Karanfilovski.

Auburn

President: Ken Ferguson
Secretary: Fred Parker
Coach: Ljubo Gokovic
Home ground: Monaro Park

Strong crowd support, an essential feature in every successful club's existence, was behind the merger between Auburn and the Urugayan community at the end of last season. It was a season most at Auburn would love to forget. After finishing second last the side has turned to a new and not so innovative idea — a merger.

Uruguay is a soccer loving country and the current South American champion. And there is a large number of Urugayans living in Sydney. With the promise of large support and also good playing strength (Menesis, Rosano), the Urugayan community should provide Auburn with an ingredient lacking in previous years.

With the arrival of new coach, one of the most successful in recent years, Ljubo Gokovic, the side has picked up quite a few useful players. Neil Parfitt from Sydney City, Ron Keekie from Polonia, Steven Knight from Kuringal, Ken Smith from Polonia and Tony O'Shana from Blacktown as well as Menesis and Rosano are the new faces in the side.

With wins against Manly (2-0) and Avala (4-0) in pre-season friendlies, Auburn-Uruguay has suggested that lean times are now behind the club.

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Kuringai

President: Don Allen
Secretary: Bob Davies
Coach: Vic Dalgleish
Home ground: Parklands Oval

Hit by departures from last year's side Kuringai is going to be hard pressed to achieve the success of 1983. Harry Noon went north to Brisbane and took Clive Eaton along.

Stephen Knight went to Auburn-Uruguay with his ex-coach from Sydney Olympic Ljubo Gokovic, while David Curtis, the keeper, went to Blacktown City. Alan Robb up from mixed to second Division Dee Why. David Keven is overseas, and Andrew Brockbank has gone to Canberra.

That's far too many players to lose and still have a successful side. Craig Bass and Glen Jeffries from Gladesville Ravens have joined Kuringai while its ex-keeper Andrew Lacey, returned from a two-year spell in the country. Leo Watson from Cambridge University and Warren Turnbull from Blacktown should add stability to the backline, while up front the side will have its problems with Seach, Shearer, Lowe and Jeffries not looking like a powerful striking force.

But the addition of Andy Tracey and Alan Bourke should provide stability in midfield.

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Ljubo Gokovic — can he take Auburn-Uruguay into the top four?

Here are my reasons: Peter Berry is fairly solid in goal. The defence has some problems which can be overcome with David Foster and Fred Cummings leading the way. Stanko Tanovski in midfield and Amanyi Rokodera up front look the goods with Tanovski possibly the best talent to come out of the Yugal nursery.

As for the rest, I am afraid I cannot say much. Eddi Pabor, Mark Turkubieu and John Clarke deserve a mention, but the midfield looks bare and far more punch of front is needed.

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Mal Haynes — back in goal for championship favourite Sutherland.

first three rounds of the league competition, may give us an answer.

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Seb Giampaolo — soon to be joined at Inter Monaro by Tony Brennan?

Home ground: Cromer Park

Major changes have not affected Manly Warringah.

Terry Smith, last season's top scorer, has retired and Jimmy Hughes has been replaced by Richard Alagich in the coaching chair.

Some additions to the playing staff have been found and it should be only a matter of time before the Seasideers strike a good tune. Barry Walker from Blacktown has slotted into the striking position in place of Smith and should add a lot of strength to the front line.

Tom Stevens, Robbie Stuart and Walker will be Manly's feared forward trio. Vale, Williamson and Jones as well as Castarri should have their regular spots, while the rest will have to battle it out for the remaining four places in the side.

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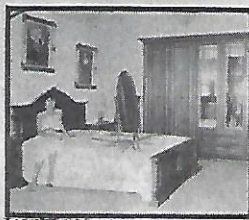
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Questa settimana si gioca a Brunswick, al Gillon Oval, angolo Victoria e Pearson Sts, contro il JUST. Tutti i tifosi italiani dovrebbero venire ad incoraggiare la Juventus prima in classifica!

Domenica prossima la Juventus, insignita del primato in classifica, torna a giocare a Brunswick.

Non si tratta, purtroppo, del nuovo campo che il club e' in predicato di costruire nel sobborgo che in tempi recenti gli ha dato il nome, ma del vecchio campo di football australiano sul quale gioco' per la prima volta nel 1980, iniziando un esperimento che sembra' riuscito inizialmente ma che in seguito si rivelò poco convincente (inutile scendere nei motivi minuti di questa situazione ormai soppressa).

Il ritorno a Brunswick, secondo noi, e' un'ottima cosa per diversi motivi: innanzitutto il presente comitato e' stato nuovamente preso per il collo dalla direzione dell'Olympic Park e bene ha fatto a non soccombere e a dimostrare che ci sono altri campi a questo mondo all'infuori dell'Olympic Park, e' secondariamente anche al Brunswick e' cambiata la situazione poiche' la squadra di football di Brunswick ora gioca a Coburg quindi c'e' piu' liberta' di movimento; terza cosa e' ormai ovvio che il destino della Juventus e' a Brunswick, quindi prima ci si tornava e meglio era.

La Juventus torna a Brunswick

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with ROCKY DI ZIO



Ragion per cui, e con tutte le buone ragioni di questo mondo, domenica prossima la Juventus ospiterà il JUST al Gillon Oval (Brunswick Football Ground), all'angolo di Victoria Street e Pearson Street. L'ingresso del campo è sulla Pearson Street, ma il parcheggio migliore è lungo la Victoria Street e nelle altre strade adiacenti; c'è anche un piccolo autoparcheggio dentro il recinto del campo, ma è inutile cercare di entrarvi perché ovviamente sarà riservato ai giocatori e dirigenti delle due squadre, ai "Gold Pass Members" della Juventus, alla stampa e a qualche altro ospite di riguardo. Soci e tifosi vecchi e nuovi dovranno naturalmente essere disposti ad accettare le condizioni meno comode del Gillon Oval (che non è certo l'Olympic Park), ed essere pazienti e comprensivi per la mancanza di certi lussi ai quali si erano abituati: possono però esser certi che tutti i soldi che si faranno al cancello andranno nelle casse del club (ad eccezione di \$100 d'affitto e di qualche altra piccolezza di spese). Per concludere, vogliamo complimentare il comitato della Juventus per aver avuto il coraggio, ed il buon senso, di aver preso una decisione che a prima vista potrebbe sembrare azzardata.

Ed ora passiamo ad un'altra bella realtà della Juventus, quella di essere saltata in vetta alla classifica del girone sud (o "national conference") della Lega Nazionale, dopo la vittoria contro il Green Gully: magnifica impresa e magnifico risultato. Detto questo dobbiamo anche dire, per quel senso di coerenza che ci sforziamo sempre di avere, che il risultato di domenica scorsa è stato ottenuto anche con un bel pizzico di fortuna (e nessuno può fare una colpa a nessuna squadra per essere fortunata, perché senza fortuna non si conclude molto). E la Juventus ha avuto bisogno di fortuna contro il Green Gully per due motivi: perché il Green Gully all'ultimo momento ha acquistato un giocatore come Carter che ha fatto vedere i suoi verdi ai bianconeri e perché in ogni caso i maltesi, pur avendo perso i loro pezzi da quaranta, non hanno perso nemmeno un pizzico della volontà di vincere, della vittoria fisica, della durezza del loro gioco e, addirittura della "cattiveria" per cui sono famosi da anni; poi c'è sempre il fatto che tutto quello che luce alla Juventus non è necessariamente oro e che certe squadre possono mettere a nudo delle lucine che non si erano notate contro altre squadre.

Per esempio, il centrocampista del Green Gully (con gente come Williams e Vassallo) ha avuto ragione del centrocampista juventino; mentre attaccanti veloci e imprevedibili come Carter e Toal hanno messo a dura prova la lenta difesa bianconera.

D'altra parte la fortuna della Juventus è stata che la dura difesa bianconera ha perso le staffe più di una volta e dato la possibilità alla Juventus di segnare (anche quando sembrava che non ce l'avrebbe fatta), specialmente il "durissimo" Kramers che si è fatto espellere ad otto minuti dalla fine quando la partita era sul 2-2 ed il Green Gully sembrava avere addirittura la meglio, ha fatto il gioco dei bianconeri. Non c'è stata coincidenza che senza lui al centro della difesa ad intormentire qualsiasi bianconero che arrivava a tiro, Swinscoe è riuscito a segnare la rete della vittoria da posizione centrale a solo un minuto dalla fine.

Il fatto che la Juventus abbia mancato almeno tre palle di rete, più che deporre a suo favore, depone a suo sfavore, perché una squadra da alta classifica che "si mangia" reti fatte non merita di vincere partite.

Dall'altra parte non bisogna nemmeno dimenticare che il Green Gully ha colpito una traversa che ha fatto gridare al goal, che Keogh ha nuovamente salvato diverse palle insidiosissime e che i difensori bianconeri, oltre ad aver lavorato duro, hanno avuto un pizzico di fortuna anche loro.

Per concludere, siamo al punto dove eravamo: la Juventus continua a vincere ed è prima in classifica e queste sono le cose principali di settimana in settimana, e ne diamo credito e merito a tutti quelli che se li meritano.

Però, come sarebbe bello avere un centrocampista come Campbell che da quando è passato al Croatia sta facendo impazzire le squadre avversarie! O come sarebbe bello avere un libero come Yankos che "libererebbe" Dowie o Rogers, che non hanno un centrocampista e renderebbe la difesa più sicura di quanto Dowie e Rogers messi assieme possano fare! Pazienza, certe cose sono possibili soltanto nell'immaginazione e non nella realtà!

Comunque siano andate le cose contro il Green Gully, bisogna togliersi tanto di cappello (adesso che i treni sono passati, si finirà per consumare i cappelli) a Zini, Miranda, Sweeney, Keogh, Cullen, Geremia (e qualcun altro), che hanno veramente dato il meglio di sé stessi fino all'eccesso (specialmente Zini che ha sfrecciato tutto il giorno da un capo all'altro del campo, e Miranda che ha gio-

cato come un carro armato anche quando era zoppicante). Purtroppo domenica prossima contro il JUST non ci saranno ne' Sweeney (che è partito lunedì) sera alla volta della Scozia dove il padre è moribondo - e gli facciano tanti auguri a nome di tutti), ne' Miranda che dopo la partita sembrava fosse stato investito da un carro armato anche lui. Lloyd e' anche uscito zoppicante ma potrebbe riprendersi. Purtroppo sembra che nessuno dei precedenti infortunati (Incantalupo, Vince Bannan e Drinocky) sia ancora pronto a rientrare. E dopo il JUST arriva l'Hellas!

Comunque, abbiamo fede in Margaris e siamo sicuri che qualcosa farà per riparare tanti vuoti lasciati nelle file della sua squadra; e poi il JUST ha anche i suoi problemi di infortuni e di forma, quindi non c'è da disperare, e domenica prossima la Juventus potrebbe ancora vincere, specialmente se le migliaia di "tifosi" che stanno ancora ad aspettare per decidersi a tornare al campo, decideranno che domenica la Juventus ha bisogno di tutto l'incoraggiamento che può umanamente avere: qualcosa come cinquemila italiani a gridare "Juve! Juve!" al Gillon Oval potrebbero fare ancora di più di quello che potrebbe fare un Campbell in campo!

BENTORNATO MARCONI!

Altra bella notizia fra le "italiane" della Lega Nazionale è che il Marconi è tornato a vincere, ancora prima di quello che credevamo, e per di più contro l'allora capolista del Newcastle. Ovviamente che le sconfitte iniziali del Marconi non ci avevano fatto dimenticare che la squadra di Bossley Park ha i migliori giovani giocatori d'Australia e che perciò alcune sconfitte non significavano che la squadra era spacciata, tutt'altro; era solo questione di tempo prima che i nuovi Spanos, Carter e Lowe trovavano l'intesa necessaria con gli altri compagni di squadra. Come tutte le squadre con giocatori giovani, il Marconi potrà ancora accusare delle battute

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d'arresto contro squadre con giocatori esperti e "cattivi" (come il Sydney City per esempio), ma siamo sicuri che i ragazzi di Schipano saranno fra gli attori principali di questo campionato ed i dominatori di campionati futuri (se rimarranno assieme).

Ottimamente si è comportata anche l'Apia che, battendo il Blacktown, è saltato al secondo posto in classifica; Juventus Adelaide e Brisbane City hanno anche fatto bene con i pareggi interni contro i temibili Preston e Sydney Croftia rispettivamente.

Quindi nessuna delle italiane di questa prima settimana, ed alcune hanno vinto molto brillantemente.

LEGA STATALE

Nella Lega Statale del Victoria sia Fawcner che Morwell hanno pareggiato, compromettendo leggermente le loro possibilità di successo finale, ma comunque rimanendo a portata di mano delle attuali campionesse Knox City e Western Suburbs, e alla pari con le altre "papabili" Polonia e Frankston Pines.

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would have probably put in Ken Boden and Dez Marton and the Queenslanders wouldn't have taken the ball away from them for half an hour.

"But I have to think of the needs of the Australian team and there, unfortunately, I cannot count on Boden and Marton."

Arak, for ever a strategist and statesman, had checked with club coaches before announcing his final selections. "I wanted to make sure that none of the players was in any dispute with his club, that there were no reasons which should disqualify them."

The NSW team will have three training sessions: on April 3, 10 and 17 at St. George Stadium, under the guidance of Arak and his assistant, Attila Abonyi.

Abonyi is also certain to be the assistant national team coach, an appointment which was due to be confirmed after we went to press.

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ENTERTAINING SOCCER IN ROUND FIVE



THIS WEEKEND MARCH 31-APRIL 1

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Adelaide City v Heidelberg



Joe Mullin
Adelaide City

at Norwood Oval
3pm Sunday
Previous NSL Results
Adelaide C. 8 wins
Heidelberg 5 wins
1 draw

Brisbane Lions v Penrith City



Cahin Dault
Brisbane Lions

at Richlands
3 pm Sunday

No previous NSL results

Sunshine George-Cross v Brisbane City



Mick McGerlan
Sunshine-George Cross

at Chaplin Reserve
3 pm Sunday
No previous NSL results

Juventus v Footscray



Frank Geronzi
Juventus

at Gillon Reserve
Brunswick
3 pm Sunday

No previous NSL results

Preston v Melbourne Croatia



Steve Potter
Preston

at Connor Reserve
3 pm Sunday

No previous NSL results

South Melbourne v West Adelaide



John Kancoullis
South Melbourne

at Middle Park
3 pm
Previous NSL results
South 5 wins
West Ad 7 wins

POSTPONED GAME:

CANBERRA v SOUTH MELBOURNE BRUCE STADIUM, 8pm FRIDAY, MARCH 30
Tentative Date: Check Local Press for confirmation

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

Blacktown v Canberra Arrows



Chris Donohue
Blacktown

at Gabbie Stadium
3 pm Sunday
Previous NSL results
Blacktown 2 wins
Canberra 1 win
1 draw

Melita Eagles v Marconi



Mark Jankovic
Marconi

at Melita Stadium
3 pm Sunday

No previous NSL results

Newcastle v Green Gully



Mike Baagard
Newcastle

at International Sports
2.30 pm Saturday

No previous NSL results

St George v Leichhardt



Mark Barton
St George

at St George Stadium
3 pm Sunday
Previous NSL results
St George 4 wins
Leichhardt 4 wins

Sydney Croatia v Sydney City



Steve Watson
Sydney Croatia

at King Tomislav Park
3 pm Sunday

No previous NSL results

Wollongong v Sydney Olympic



Ray Vlietstra
Wollongong

At The Showgrounds
3 pm Sunday
Previous NSL results
Wollongong 3 wins
Olympic 2 wins
1 draw